

“ certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1884, and the 30th June, 1885, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,” to which I humbly request Your Excellency’s assent.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

“ In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General, thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The assiduity and zeal shown by you in the performance of your important duties deserve my best thanks, and I desire to convey them to you.

There is every reason to anticipate that the liberal aid given by the loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway will secure the speedy and satisfactory completion of that great national work.

I congratulate you on the adjustment of all matters of difference between the Dominion and the Province of *British Columbia* by the legislation of this Session.

The larger appropriations made for the furtherance of railway construction may be expected to assist materially in the development of our commerce, both foreign and domestic, as well as to open up for settlement extensive fertile districts hitherto almost inaccessible.

The several measures for the benefit of the Indian communities and for their encouragement to assume the responsibilities of self-government are well adapted for the purpose, and the amendments of the laws relating to the Dominion lands will give additional facilities and advantages to settlers in the *North-West Territories*.

The re-adjustment of the annual subsidies to the several Provinces, while adding to their resources, will place their pecuniary relations with the Dominion on a satisfactory and permanent basis.

The several important measures which occupied your attention, and will now become law, must all tend to the benefit and improvement of the country, and the numerous Private Bills with industrial objects, submitted to me, indicate the existence of a healthy spirit of enterprise among our people.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you, in Her Majesty’s name, for the Supplies you have granted for the Public Service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In bidding you now farewell until next Session, I trust that when we next meet I may be able to congratulate you on the continuing prosperity of our country.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

It is His Excellency the Governor General’s will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of May next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of May next.