

province of the Dominion as subject against subject without any more trouble than is involved in bringing a suit against an individual. I do not know whether the bill forshadowed will secure this object, but I have no doubt it will, and it will demand our serious attention.

It is with great pleasure I notice that we are to have a measure submitted to us to provide for the representation of the North-West Territories in this Chamber.

It is desirable in the interests of the country that all portions of this Dominion should have representation in Parliament. It is necessary that they should have such representation in order that any grievances under which they labor, no matter of what nature, should be heard. I wish to express my individual thanks to the Government for having anticipated the feelings and requirements and wishes of the people living in the North-West Territories by foreshadowing this measure to give them representation in the Senate. Other measures are promised which will be laid before us in due season, one as to Government Railways. I cannot say very much as to what the nature of this measure is to be. There are grievances I believe against the Government Railways on the part of some of the people who are shipping over those lines and have travelled over them, and I hope when the Bill is laid before the House it will have the effect of removing all causes of complaint.

We live in peace and happiness, and there is no portion of Her Majesty's dominions to-day in which the people are better satisfied with their condition than they are in Canada. Canada has made great strides during the last 50 years. We are to-day utilizing steam everywhere as motive power, and even electricity is being converted to the use of man to carry messages from distant parts of the country and to light our cities, and I say we ought to be satisfied that we live in this age. We are certainly blessed beyond measure in our day and generation.

I have much pleasure in moving the following resolutions in reply to His Excellency's most gracious Speech :

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to

His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament—namely :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Most Honorable Sir HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, Marquess of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Caln and Calnstone in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry, and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor-General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice that it is Your Excellency's pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate us on the general prosperity of the country and on the prospect of a coming season of peace and progress.

We respectfully beg leave to assure Your Excellency that we gladly join with the rest of the loyal subjects of the Queen in offering Her Majesty our sincere congratulations on Her having reached the fiftieth anniversary of Her accession to the Throne, and in giving expression to an earnest hope that she may be long spared to reign over Her vast Dominions.

It affords us great pleasure to learn that the prominent position taken by Canada at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition recently held in London has made the Dominion more widely and favorably known than before, and we concur in Your Excellency's expression of opinion that it will, no doubt, contribute largely to its material progress by calling attention to the advantages offered by our country to the agriculturist, and by attracting the capital necessary for the development of its great natural resources.

We learn with much interest that negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States on the Fishery Question, with respect to which Your Excellency's Government has been fully informed and consulted, are still in progress and will, we may be permitted to hope, result in an arrangement honorable and satisfactory to both nations.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that meanwhile the necessary provision has been made for the protection of our