

government, when, perhaps, there may be complications in the Orient which may involve England in a war, and when, possibly, the best ally she would have in the Orient might be put in jeopardy. For this reason, we are not prepared to treat the Japanese as we do the Chinese. But, while we take that course for the present time, we think it due to our fellow-citizens in British Columbia that they should have an opportunity to put their views on record, that this subject should be investigated by a proper commission, so that their views upon the question can be placed before the Imperial authorities for their consideration. There is, in that respect, ample justification for the course which I now suggest, that we should have this matter properly investigated.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.

A Message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows :

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attention of your Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber.

And having returned,

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills :

An Act to incorporate the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

An Act to incorporate the Morris and Portage Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Cowichan Valley Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company (Limited).

An Act respecting the Montfort and Gatineau Colonization Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Thousand Islands Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Bay of Quinté Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Oshawa Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the St. Mary's River Railway Company.

An Act respecting the St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company.

An Act respecting the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company.

An Act respecting the National Sanitarium Association.

An Act to incorporate the Holiness Movement Church in Canada.

An Act respecting the Brandon and South-western Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Crown Life Insurance Company.

An Act respecting the Merchants Bank of Halifax, and to change its name to 'The Royal Bank of Canada.'

An Act for the relief of Edwin James Cox.

An Act to amend the Gas Inspection Act.

An Act to amend the Loan Companies Act, Canada, 1894.

An Act to amend 'The Admiralty Act, 1891.'

An Act to incorporate the Colonial Investment and Loan Company.

An Act to amend the General Inspection Act so as to provide a grade for Flax Seed.

An Act respecting the Inspection of Foreign Grain.

An Act to make further provision respecting Grants of Land to members of the Militia Force on Active Service in the North-west.

An Act to amend the Experimental Farm Station Act.

An Act respecting the Restigouche and Western Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Dominion Cotton Mills Company (Limited).

An Act respecting the Yarmouth Steamship Company (Limited).

An Act respecting the Nova Scotia Steel Company (Limited).

An Act respecting the Quebec Bridge Company.

An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence Terminal and Steamship Company.

An Act for the relief of Gustavus Adolphus Kobold.

An Act for the relief of Catherine Cecilia Lyons.

An Act respecting the Western Alberta Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Royal Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Securities for Seed Grain Indebtedness.

An Act for the relief of Gertrude Bessie Patterson.

An Act respecting the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, and to change its name to the 'Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada.'

An Act respecting Inscribed Stock of Canada in the United Kingdom.

An Act to amend the Act relating to Ocean Steamship Subsidies.

An Act respecting the incorporation of Live Stock Record Associations.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). With regard to the subject of Chinese immigration, I have observed that for some time past, as the number of Chinese immigrants has increased, there have been almost annual appeals to this parliament and government on the subject, from the people and legislature of British Columbia. In 1885, the legislature adopted the following resolution :

That an humble address be presented by this House to the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to again move the Dominion government to increase the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion to \$100 each; and at the same time expressing strongly the opinion of this House that three-fourths of all moneys received at British Columbia ports from the proposed higher tax, or (if such higher tax be not imposed) from the present tax of \$50, should be paid to this province, as the chief injury from the presence of these Chinamen is sustained by this province, and not by the Dominion.

Upon this resolution, the late Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Ives), made the following report :