

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I feel assured that you will devote yourselves with earnestness and assiduity to the consideration of the subjects I have mentioned, and to all matters affecting the public interests that may be brought before you.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell* presented to the House, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, it was

Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, Minister of Justice, informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

Lansdowne.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate an agreement made at *Victoria* on the 20th day of August, 1883, relative to various points remaining unsettled between the Government of the Dominion and that of the Province, together with the contract for the construction of a Railway on the Island of *Vancouver* and accompanying papers, and recommends the same to the favourable consideration of your Honorable House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 17th January, 1884.

REPORT of the Minister of Justice with reference to the arrangement made for the settlement of matters in difference between the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, RAILWAY, ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK, RAILWAY LANDS,
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 27th September, 1883.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Report herewith, dated 25th September, 1883, from Sir *Alexander Campbell*, who was