

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read the second time, and agreed to.

Mr. Thompson then introduced a Bill No. 142, to amend the Act respecting the Judges of Provincial Courts, Chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes, which was read the first and a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendments, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Chapleau presented,—Return to an Order of The House of the 16th ultimo, for all correspondence between Mr. Samuel Russell and the Government of the Dominion, or of any of its officers, with all communications and reports from such officer or officers, in reference to a claim for damages to his property in connection with the Derby Branch Railway, in the County of Northumberland, N. B.

And,—Return to an Order of The House of the 16th ultimo, for copies of all correspondence, reports, &c., between Mr. Patrick Clancy and Government or any of its officers; also with the Railway Department and any of its officers, in relating to damages sustained by him in connection with the Derby Branch Railway, in the County of Northumberland, New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that he, together with the Speaker of the Senate, attended by the Senate and House of Commons, had this day waited on His Excellency the Governor General in the Senate Chamber, with the joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons, expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from Canada, and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following most gracious reply:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you cordially for the generous terms in which you have been pleased to take leave of me. The unanimous expression of your good will, coming as it does from the whole Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, falls from your lips with an authority which admits of no question. I accept it from you as the representatives of the Canadian people, and to that people as well as to you I offer my grateful acknowledgment for the signal honour which you have conferred up on me.

I cannot avoid referring to the recent loss which your Houses have sustained not only by the death of your distinguished predecessor, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair of the Senate, a gentleman whose admirable qualities had earned for him the respect and affection of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, but also by the removal of other valued members of both Chambers, and I regret that I must include amongst those who have been taken from us one of the most trusted and honoured of my Ministers—a statesman whose premature end has deprived Canada of an able and indefatigable servant and the representative of the Crown of a most faithful and loyal adviser.

A residence of nearly five years in this country as the representative of Her Majesty, has given me a deep and abiding interest in its affairs. I feel that I cannot overrate the advantage which it has been to me to have had a part in the administration of the Dominion and to have watched at close quarters the working of the wise and liberal institutions under which your community is governed. I shall rejoice if at a future time the experience which I have thus been able to gain, should as you have been good enough to suggest, enable me to guard the interests or to promote the welfare of the Dominion. Be this as it may, I can never entertain towards this country any feelings other than those of a friend bound to it by the deepest gratitude and respect.

I may, I hope, congratulate you on the fact that during the years which I have had the good fortune to spend in your midst, the main principles of the Federal constitution have successfully stood the test of experience and are regarded as the basis of an enduring political system well adapted to the requirements of your people.