

12. That we are glad to learn that the Acts relating to the enfranchisement of Indians and the management of Indian affairs have been fully considered; that steps have been taken to ascertain the views of the Indians themselves, and that a measure on this subject will be submitted for our approval.

13. That any measure which may be introduced to provide for the better administration of the estates of insolvent Banks will receive our earnest attention.

14. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the accounts for the past and the Estimates for the next financial year will be laid before us; and that the Estimates have been framed with every possible economy consistent with the public interests. That we regret to learn that the depression in trade to which he has alluded has seriously affected the revenue; and that it will be necessary, in view of this circumstance, to curtail the expenditures in the several branches of the public service.

15. That we shall consider with the deepest interest the correspondence, reports, and other papers regarding the construction of the Pacific Railway which may be laid before us.

16. That we thank His Excellency for informing us that during the recess, a deputation from the Government of Manitoba visited Ottawa to invite the attention of the Government of the Dominion to the circumstances of that Province; and represented that the income of the Province was insufficient to provide for its ordinary governmental expenses. That His Excellency may be sure that any papers on this subject which may be laid before us, and any propositions submitted to us on the subject, shall receive our most serious consideration; and that we are well pleased to know that the Legislature of Manitoba has in the meantime adopted some measures to reduce the expenditures of the Province.

17. That His Excellency may rest assured that we shall give our earnest attention to the several subjects he has been pleased to mention, and to the general business which will come before us, and we trust, with His

Excellency, that our deliberations may be guided by wisdom and moderation.

Mr. TASCHEREAU—(in French)—I rise to second the motion of my hon. friend, the member for Elgin West, requesting this House to present to His Excellency the Governor-General an Address in reply to his gracious speech from the Throne. If I had only to lend my name to this proposition and only to give to it the silent assent of the seconder, I would have an agreeable duty to perform, which I would be most happy to assume at the present moment; but constitutional usage exacts from a member in my position something more, and at this point my hesitation begins, and I crave the indulgence of this House to supplement the weakness of the appreciation with which I may offer it. Further, I may remark that I will only occupy the attention of the House for a few moments. His Excellency makes allusion in the opening of the Speech from the Throne to the visit which he has made to the Mother Country since the last Session of Parliament, and to the opportunities he has had of drawing public attention to the remarkable progress of Canada, and of making known the sentiments of attachment entertained by the Canadian people for the person of Her Majesty and the interests of the Empire. Mr. Speaker, the Canadian people could not have a more faithful interpreter of their sentiments near Her Majesty than her worthy representative, our popular Governor General, whose presence has been coveted by each city, each town, and each part of the Dominion since his arrival in our midst, and who has known how to make himself beloved simultaneously by all races, all creeds, and I may add, all the political parties of our country. Our feelings, as well as our needs, our aspirations and our regrets, could not be expressed by lips more eloquent, more sympathetic, or more just in our regard, than the lips of the representative of Her Majesty here. Lord Dufferin has, so to speak, changed his role on the other side of the Atlantic, in making himself the representative, the advocate, the defender, and almost the panegyrist of the people confided to his administration; and in order to fulfil more