

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am happy to believe that notwithstanding the general and wide-spread commercial depression which has prevailed over the continent, the trade of *Canada* is sound, and that the contraction we have experienced in some branches of industry for the past year has not been greater than might naturally have been anticipated.

Papers will be submitted to you on the *North-West* troubles, and in reference to the negotiations between the Dominion Government and the Government of *British Columbia* on the subject of the *Pacific* Railway.

Steps have been taken during the recess for a combination of effort on the part of the several Provinces and the Dominion, to promote immigration from *Europe* under the general direction of the Dominion officials. It is hoped that the effect will be increased efficiency and economy in this branch of the public service.

I rely with confidence on your prudence and ability, and on your patriotic devotion to the great public interests entrusted to you: and I pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon your labors.

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

PRAYERS :

The Hon. Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* 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 Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That all 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 following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :

By the Honorable the Speaker, of *Nicholas Sadlier*, of the City of *Ottawa*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library,

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF PARLIAMENT, RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:—

That, since the last Annual Report, numerous additions have been made to the Library. But owing to the frequent and increasing demands for the latest and most authoritative information upon legal questions, and upon the principal topics of the day,—and the absence of any other public Library in this part of the Dominion,—it is evident that it will become necessary, before long, to increase the collection, very