

The grant of representation in the House of Commons to the North-West Territories will, if sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament (of which there is no reason to doubt), give the people of that vast region an interest and voice in the affairs of the Dominion, and enable them to lay the wants and requirements of their young country, with authority, before the great council of the nation.

You have at the same time conferred upon them the boons of an efficient judicial system and a speedy and inexpensive mode for the transfer of property in land.

The measure for the establishment of a central experimental farm, with auxiliary stations for the Provinces, will be greatly appreciated by our agricultural population.

I congratulate you heartily on the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway and on the repayment in money and land of the advances made in its aid from the public Treasury.

The future prosperity of this great enterprise and the consequent advantage to the best interests of the Dominion I now consider as fully assured.

The appropriations in aid of various railways will tend largely to increase the trade and develop the resources of the districts traversed by

them, and I am especially pleased to know that by the provision made for the construction of a railway through Cape Breton, that historical Island will at last be brought into connection with the railway system of Canada.

Among the many useful measures you have passed may especially be noticed the amendments of the Franchise Act, rendering its working more simple and less expensive; the consolidation of the Statutes; the arrangement for the organisation of a better and more economical system of parliamentary and departmental printing; and the amendment of the Dominion Lands Act.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the supplies you have granted for the public service.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:*

In bidding you farewell until next year, I rejoice to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the country and the good promise of a plentiful harvest.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued until Monday, the twelfth day of July next.