

An Act relating to the granting of Subsidies in land to Railway Companies.

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery.

An Act to amend the Homestead Exemption Act.

An Act to prevent the manufacture and sale of filled or imitation Cheese, and to provide for the branding of dairy products.

An Act respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, with respect to load-lines.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the words following:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor-General doth assent to these Bills.”

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor-General as follows:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

“The Commons of Canada have voted certain Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

“In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

“An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1893, and the 30th June, 1894, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,”—

to which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency’s assent.”

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency’s command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor-General thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

His Excellency the Governor-General was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In relieving you from attendance in Parliament for this year, I congratulate you upon the energy and promptitude with which you have disposed of the duties of the session just ended.

The assembly at Paris of the Behring Sea Arbitration Tribunal gives reason to hope that the differences which have existed between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Dominion are approaching a satisfactory adjustment, while the nomination of the Prime Minister of Canada as one of the arbitrators affords a guarantee that the interests of our sealers will be properly though not unduly safeguarded.

The treaty of commerce which was negotiated with France on behalf of Canada has been laid before you together with the correspondence which passed during the negotiations; but owing to the late period of the session at which the treaty was received, and the pendency of communications as to its bearing in respect of most-favoured-nation treatment and the interpretation of certain of its clauses, my Government has thought it advisable to postpone for the present its ratification by Parliament.

I thank you for the ample provisions you have made to protect the country from the possible introduction of cholera, and I trust that the precautions taken will result in guarding against any danger from that source.