

The increasing foreign trade of Canada, and the prospect that Her Majesty's Government will enter, ere long, into negotiations with foreign nations on the subject of their trade and commercial relations, demand our closest attention and watchfulness, while the rapid development of the Dominion is continually giving rise to important matters requiring the support and action of the Imperial Government. With the concurrence of Her Majesty, I therefore recommend you to sanction the appointment of a permanent representative of Canada in London to guard her various interests.

The subjects I have mentioned are of great importance. I commend them, with full confidence in your wisdom and patriotism, to your best consideration.

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

#### BILL INTRODUCED.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL introduced a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting Railways."

The Bill was read the first time.

#### THE ADDRESS.

The Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved—That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

#### THE ORDERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE SENATE.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved—That all the 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 motion was agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL presented to the House the Report of the *The Speech.*

Postmaster-General for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

Ordered—That the same do lie on the Table.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL presented to the House the Report of the state of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada for the year 1879.

Ordered—That the same do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned at 4 p.m.

#### THE SENATE.

*Friday, February 13th, 1880.*

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. TRUDEL, (in French)—I intend to propose an Address in reply to the Speech with which the worthy representative of our Gracious Sovereign has favored us, but before doing so I desire to congratulate the Government and this Chamber on the happy events which the year 1880 has brought us. The most important is the safe return to the Dominion of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. The joy of the people has been manifested by the numerous addresses which have been presented to her, testifying the loyal attachment of the people of Canada to the daughter of our Most Gracious Sovereign and to the British Crown. I desire, also, to congratulate this hon. House on the appointment of the hon. Senator for Saugeen to the Speakership of the Senate, and his promotion to the position of a member of the Privy Council. This choice is an honor to the Senate as well as to our colleague, and it is a decided advantage to this hon. body to be presided over by so distinguished a statesman, a gentleman who has taken such an active and prominent part in the debates and proceedings of this House. We, the French-speaking people of Canada, are pleased to observe with what purity and elegance the Speaker of the Senate expresses himself in our own language and we see in that event the dawn of the fortunate day when the French tongue