

An Act to extend certain Laws relating to matters connected with Navigation to the Province of *British Columbia*.

An Act for imposing Tonnage Dues and Wharfage Rates to meet the cost of improving the navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between *Montreal* and *Quebec*.

An Act to extend the *Canadian* Tariff of Duties of Customs and Excise, and certain Acts relating to Customs and the Revenue to the Province of *British Columbia*.

An Act to incorporate the *Anticosti* Company.

An Act to amend the Interim Parliamentary Elections Act, 1871.

An Act respecting the Public Lands of the Dominion.

To these Bills, the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House in the words following :

" In Her Majesty's name His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these " Bills."

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, then read the title of another Bill to be passed, as follows :

" An Act to amend the Act respecting Copyright"

To this Bill the Clerk of the House did thereupon say :

" His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve this Bill for the signification of " Her Majesty's pleasure thereon."

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled :

" 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, 1872, and the 30th June, 1873, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," to which 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."

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following speech :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,
Gentlemen of the House of Commons—*

I have much satisfaction in relieving you from an attendance in Parliament which cannot fail to be inconvenient to many of you at this Season of the year. I thank you therefore all the more for the time and attention which you have diligently bestowed on the discharge of your public duties.

The interest and importance of various questions which have been discussed and decided will render the Session memorable in the annals of the Country.

Your adoption of the Articles of the Treaty of *Washington*, which affect *Canadian* interests, has placed in a clear light your determination to share the fortunes of *England*.

The generous disposition evinced under the trying circumstances of the time has added strength to the honorable position of *Canada*, both as regards the *British* Empire and the *United States*.

The vast project, of which you have so wisely matured the conditions for carrying a Railway to the shores of the *Pacific*, will open a new pathway for *England*, as well in peace