

those subjects. An amicable understanding was arrived at respecting the steps to be taken for the establishment of the boundary of Alaska; and for reciprocity of services in cases of wreck and salvage. Arrangements were also reached for the appointment of an International Commission to report on the regulations which may be adopted by the United States and Canada for the prevention of destructive methods of fishing and the pollution of streams, and for establishing uniformity of close seasons, and other means for the preservation and increase of fish. A valuable and friendly interchange of views respecting other important matters also took place.

In accordance with the promise given at the close of the last session, a Commission has been issued to investigate the working of the Civil Service Act, and other matters connected with the Civil Service generally. The report of this Commission will be laid before you during the present session.

The conclusions of the Commission on the manufacture of beet-root sugar will also be laid before you.

It is desirable that the fishery regulations in British Columbia should be examined and revised so as to adapt them better to the requirements of the fisheries in that Province. A Commission has been issued with that object.

An important measure respecting the Criminal Law, which was laid before you last session, has been revised and improved, as a result of the expression of views elicited by its presentation to Parliament, and will be submitted to you. Your attention will also be directed to measures for the redistribution of seats consequent upon the Census returns; the establishment of the boundaries of the Territories; and the amalgamation of the Departments of Marine and Fisheries. Bills will also be presented to you for the amendment of the Civil Service Act, the Acts relating to real property in the Territories, and of those respecting the fisheries.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you, as well as the Estimates for the ensuing year. These Estimates have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I commend these important subjects, and all matters affecting the public interests which may be brought before you, to your best consideration, and I feel assured that you will address yourselves to them with earnestness and assiduity.

#### BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (A) "An Act relating to Railways."  
(Mr. Abbott.)

#### THE ADDRESS.

##### MOTION.

The SPEAKER reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was read by the Clerk.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT moved that the Speech be taken into consideration on Monday next. The motion was agreed to.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

##### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT 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.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

#### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Monday, February 29th, 1892.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### NEW SENATOR.

HON. MR. LANDRY was introduced, and having taken the oath of office and signed the roll, took his seat.

#### THE ADDRESS.

##### MOTION.

HON. MR. LANDRY moved

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir FREDRICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We also respectfully thank Your Excellency for your expression of gratification at meeting us at the commencement of the Parliamentary Session, and we rejoice that