

Then the Honorable Mr. *MacInnes* took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners, setting forth that the Honorable *Donald MacInnes*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North America Act*, 1867.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of *Lorne*), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated on the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who, being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The hope I expressed at the close of the last Session, that on the re-assembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized.

*Canada* has been favored with a year of great prosperity.

Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices.

Her manufacturing and other industries have been and continue to be developed under favorable auspices.

Her trade and commerce have been steadily increasing, and peace and order prevail within her borders.

For these various blessings we cannot be sufficiently thankful to the Giver of all good things.

The Chief Magistrate of the *United States* has been cut off by the hand of an assassin, and it is fitting that the sorrow of our people for a loss which was not that of our friends and neighbors alone, should be here adverted to as another instance of the sympathy which unites in brotherhood the British Empire and the American Republic.

During the Recess I had the pleasure of visiting the Province of *Manitoba*, and of traversing the extensive prairies of the *North-West*, and from personal examination can sincerely congratulate *Canada* on the possession of so magnificent and fertile a region to be inhabited, I trust, in the course of years, by millions of thriving and contented subjects of Her Majesty.

The immigrants have not confined themselves to *Manitoba* or its vicinity, but are scattered over the country westward to the base of the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the international boundary to the banks of the Northern *Saskatchewan*. It is, therefore, thought that the time has come for the division of the Territories into four or more Provisional Districts with an appropriate nomenclature. The subject will be submitted for your consideration.

During my journey I was met by numerous Indian tribes, all expressing confidence in the continuance of the traditional policy of kindness and justice which has hitherto governed the relations between the Government and the Aborigines.

I regret, however, to say that the necessity of supplementing the food supply of the Indians still exists and is likely to continue for some years.