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Excellency's expression of opinion that it will, no doubt, contribute largely to its material progress by calling attention to the advantages offered by our country to the agriculturist, and by attracting the capital necessary for the development of its great natural resources.

We learn with much interest that negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States on the Fishery Question, with respect to which Your Excellency's Government has been fully informed and consulted, are still in progress, and will, we may be permitted to hope, result in an arrangement honorable and satisfactory to both nations.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that meanwhile the necessary provision has been made for the protection of our inshore fisheries, and that the papers on this subject will be laid before us.

Your Excellency having been pleased to intimate that our attention will be invited to the expediency of establishing a Department of Trade and Commerce under the supervision of a responsible Minister, we beg leave to assure Your Excellency that the subject shall receive our most careful consideration.

We hear with pleasure that we shall also be asked to consider the propriety of making such improvement in the organization of the Departments of Justice, Customs, and Inland Revenue, as will provide greater facilities for the despatch of the large and increasing volume of business with which those Departments are charged.

We receive with great interest the information that a measure will be submitted to us giving representation in the Senate to the North-West Territories in addition to that which they now possess in the House of Commons.

We also thank Your Excellency for informing us that other measures will be laid before us, and that among them will be found Bills for the amendment of the Acts relating to Government Railways, for providing a better mode of trial of claims against the Crown, for the improvement of the Procedure in Criminal Cases, and for the further amendment of the Chinese Immigration Act.

We humbly beg leave to assure Your Excellency that these important subjects and the others which may be laid before us shall receive our best consideration, and that Your Excellency may have full confidence in our earnest desire to promote the development and well-being of Canada.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Botsford, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Montgomery,

The House adjourned.

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