

The Honorable *Daniel Davies*, and *Augustine Colin Macdonald*, Esquire, Members for the Electoral District of *King's County*; the Honorable *James Colledge Pope*, and *James Yeo*, Esquire, Members for the Electoral District of *Prince County*; and *David Laird*, Esquire, and *Peter Sinclair*, Esquire, Members for the Electoral District of *Queen's County*, all of the Province of *Prince Edward Island*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their Seats in the House.

*Stephen B. Appleby*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Carleton*, (N.B.) having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, also took his Seat in the House.

*Ordered*, That the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

In accordance with the intimation given by me at the close of last Session, I have caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by me to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The evidence obtained under the Commission deserves careful consideration. The Report will be laid before Parliament, and it will be for you then to determine whether it can be of any assistance to you.

A Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws in force in the several Provinces relating to the representation of the People in Parliament will again be submitted to you. By the postponement of this measure from last Session you will have the advantage of including in its provisions the Province of *Prince Edward Island*, now happily united to *Canada*.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to whom a Royal Charter was granted, have, I regret to say, been unable to make the financial arrangements necessary for the construction of that great undertaking. They have therefore executed a surrender of their Charter, which has been accepted by me.

You will, I trust, feel yourselves called upon to take steps to secure the early commencement and vigorous prosecution of the construction of that Railway, and thus to carry out, in good faith, the arrangements made with the Province of *British Columbia*. A measure for this purpose will be submitted for your consideration.

The extension of the bounds of the Dominion has caused a corresponding increase in the work of administration, and seems to call for additional assistance in Parliament as well as in Executive Government. A Bill on this subject will be laid before you.

Your attention will be invited to the consideration of a Bill for the establishment of a General Court of Appeal.

Measures relating to our navigable waters and to the Inspection Laws, will be laid before you; as also, a Bill for the establishment of a Dominion Board of Agriculture.