

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and  
Ordered, accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, informed the Senate that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

ABERDEEN.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

I have received with much satisfaction, and thank you for the dutiful Address which you have adopted in reply to the speech with which I opened the Session of Parliament.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 23rd February, 1898.

The Honourable Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, informed the Senate that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

ABERDEEN.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate, a copy of a despatch dated 22nd July, 1897, from the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Joint Address to the Queen from the Senate and the House of Commons, tendering their congratulations on the happy occasion of the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

A copy of the gracious reply of Her Majesty, as referred to in the despatch, is also herewith transmitted.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 9th March, 1898.

*(Vide Sessional Papers, No. .)*

The Honourable Mr. Clemow, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of, and the advantages which would accrue to the Dominion from the construction of a canal uniting the waters of Lake Huron with those of the St. Lawrence via the Ottawa River, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8,  
WEDNESDAY, 9th March, 1898.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of, and the advantages which would accrue to the Dominion from the construction of a canal uniting the waters of Lake Huron with those of the St. Lawrence via the Ottawa River, have the honour to make their First Report, as follows :—

Your Committee recommend that their quorum be reduced to seven members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS CLEWOW,  
*Chairman.*

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Clemow, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Boulton, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.