

of moderate length, and I believe the House cordially joins with His Excellency in hoping that our deliberations may be guided by prudence and moderation, and that his compliments to us may be well deserved during the session. Mr. Casey concluded by moving the following resolutions :

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious speech at the opening of the present Session; and further to assure His Excellency,—

2. That we are grateful to His Excellency for calling us together to attend to the business of the country at this early and convenient season.

3. That we learn with the greatest satisfaction, that since we last assembled it has been His Excellency's happiness to visit the Mother Country, to have had the opportunity while there of calling public attention to the remarkable progress of the Dominion, and of giving expression to the feelings of attachment to the person of Her Majesty and the interests of the Empire which animate the Canadian people.

4. That we have been grieved to observe that the great depression which has prevailed throughout neighbouring countries for several years, and which has more recently been felt in the Old World, causing a general stagnation of business, has extended to Canada and has seriously affected our trade. But, at the same time, we feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to be grateful for an abundant harvest; and while we deeply regret the suffering which exists among certain classes and particular localities, we believe, nevertheless, that the great bulk of our people enjoy a condition of reasonable prosperity.

5. That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the fact that the great railway undertaking, connecting the former Province of Canada with the Maritime Provinces, provided for by the Act of 1867, is approaching completion, and his assurance that early in the coming summer, the small portion of the Intercolonial line not already in operation will be opened, when the connection with other systems of Railway

will be formed, so as to enable passengers and traffic to pass over continuous lines of Railway from Halifax or St. John to the extreme Western Railways of Ontario.

6. That we agree with His Excellency, that the opening of the Prince Edward Island Railway during the past year marks an epoch in the history of that Island, and cannot but exert a beneficial influence on the people, and add to their material prosperity.

7. That we are well assured, that every effort has been made to obtain an early settlement of the claims of Canada for compensation for the use of her Fisheries by the United States, as provided by the Treaty of Washington; and we are sorry to learn that although Her Majesty's Government in the early part of last summer, at the instance of His Excellency's advisers, appointed the British Commissioner, His Excellency has to state with regret that the United States Government have not yet appointed a Commissioner, and that consequently no progress has been made.

8. That we have seen with great satisfaction that His Excellency has given effect to the Supreme and Exchequer Court Act of last Session by issuing the proclamations, and by appointing the Judges and officers of the Court.

9. That we shall give our most careful consideration to any Bill to simplify and amend the law relating to Common Carriers which may be submitted to us, as well as to any Bill that may be brought before us containing provisions for affording greater security to policy holders in Life Assurance Companies.

10. That we thank His Excellency for informing us that the want of reliable and systematized information relating to the several classes of crime and the importance of collecting and classifying criminal statistics have engaged his attention; and we shall willingly consider any Bill which may be introduced to provide for what is most essential in this direction.

11. That we shall cheerfully make such provision as may be found necessary for the commencement of the work of consolidating the Statute Law.

MR. CASEY.