

The measure which you have passed for the Government of the new Province of *Manitoba*, and for the vast adjacent Territories, and the just and reasonable conditions which you have sanctioned in favor of their inhabitants, cannot fail to remove every trace of the misapprehensions which unhappily existed, and to plant in their stead feelings of confidence in your good will, and of hope of the numerous and increasing advantages to be derived from joining the Dominion.

The Military Expedition which it is necessary to send will gratify and give confidence to all loyal and well-disposed persons.

Her Majesty's troops go forth on an errand of peace, and will serve as an assurance to the inhabitants of the *Red River* Settlement and the numerous Indian tribes that occupy the *North-West* that they have a place in the regard and the counsels of *England*, and may rely upon the impartial protection of the British Sceptre.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons—*

I thank you for the readiness with which you have granted the necessary supplies for the public service, and have observed with satisfaction the precautions you have taken to guard against any possible deficiency in the Revenue.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,—*

The information which reached my Government from many quarters as to the designs of parties styled Fenians, armed and openly drilled in various parts of the neighboring States, rendered it incumbent on me to apply to Parliament to pass an Act to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act, as well as to call out an armed force for the defence of the Frontier.

The vigorous steps resorted to, and the laudable promptitude with which the active Militia responded to the call to arms, chilled the hopes of the invaders and averted the menaced outrage, so that I now entertain a sanguine hope that I shall not be placed under the necessity of exercising the powers so entrusted to me.

The provisions which you have made for the taking of the Decennial Census of 1871 will be so carried out as to ensure, if possible, the taking of a simultaneous census in all Her Majesty's possessions in British *North America*.

I sincerely hope that the preparations which have been matured for the protection of the Canadian Fisheries, will be effective. Every care will be taken to combine the maintenance of the undisputed rights of our fishermen, with the regard due to the just claims of foreigners; and you will, I am persuaded, acknowledge with gratitude, the countenance and moral support which Her Majesty's Government has announced the intention of affording.

The general tone of your debates and the uniform expression of prevalent opinion indicate that the people of *Canada* are sensible of the advantages arising from their existing form of Government. I trust their contentment may be of long continuance, and take leave of you for the present with the earnest wish that the determination and efforts of the Country to preserve the blessings which it enjoys may be crowned with the protection and distinguished favor of Providence.

Then the Honorable Speaker of The Senate said,

*Honorable Gentlemen of The Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-first day of June next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-first day of June next.