

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts for the past and the Estimates for the next financial year will be laid before you. The Estimates have been framed with every possible economy consistent with the public interests. I regret that the depression in trade to which I have alluded, has seriously affected the revenue. It will be necessary in view of this circumstance to curtail the expenditures in the several branches of the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

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Correspondence, Reports, and other Papers regarding the construction of the Pacific Railway will be laid before you.

During the recess, a deputation from the Government of *Manitoba* visited *Ottawa* to invite the attention of the Government of the Dominion to the circumstances of that Province. They represented that the income of the Province was insufficient to provide for its ordinary governmental expenses. The papers on this subject will be laid before you, and certain propositions will be submitted for your consideration. The Legislature of *Manitoba* has in the meantime adopted some measures to reduce the expenditures of the Province.

I invite your earnest attention to the several subjects mentioned, and to the general business which will come before you, and I trust that your deliberations may be guided by wisdom and moderation.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

PRAYERS :

The Hon. Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* presented to the House a Bill, intituled :
“An Act relating to Railways.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Resolved, That all Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the orders and customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

The House adjourned.