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We thank Your Excellency for the information that the Statutes of 1887 relative to a Department of Trade and Commerce and to the office of Solicitor-General having been brought into force, the appointments were made which were contemplated by these Acts.

We respectfully concur in Your Excellency's regret that the Government of the United States were unable to accept the suggestions made by your Government on the subject of canal tolls, and that the President should have thought it necessary to impose exceptional tolls on Canadians using the Sault Sainte-Marie Canal, which has so long been free to the people of both countries. We hear with satisfaction that Your Excellency's Government, while ready to consider in a friendly spirit any proposals which may be made by the Government of the United States, have caused efforts to be made to hasten the completion of the Canadian canal works, which will soon afford to the commerce of the Dominion a highway within our own country.

We respectfully thank Your Excellency for informing us that measures will be laid before us for the improvement of the Franchise Act, for the amendment of the laws relating to the Civil Service and the superannuation of civil servants, for regulating the admission of evidence in causes and matters under the control of the Parliament of Canada, for extending the system of voting by ballot to the Northwest Territories, and for simplifying the laws relating to lands and land transfers in the Territories.

Your Excellency may have every confidence that all these matters will receive our best attention and that our deliberations will keep in view, above all other considerations, the welfare and stability of the country.

After Debate.

It being Six o'clock, His Honour the Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at half-past Seven o'clock.

7.30 P.M.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the aforesaid motion of the Honourable Mr. Ferguson for an Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne of His Excellency the Governor-General.

After further Debate.

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

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Angers,

The House adjourned.

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