

June on the appeal of *Russell versus* the Queen goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary; and that His Excellency may rest assured that our earnest consideration will be given to this important subject.

That our special attention shall be given to any measure submitted to us for regulating Factory Labour and the protection of the workingman and his family.

That the Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Customs, the Militia, and the Public Lands, which His Excellency is pleased to say will be laid before us, shall receive our consideration; as shall also any measures presented to us respecting the Civil Service, the Acts relating to Banking, and the examination of Masters and Mates of vessels navigating our inland waters.

That it affords us much satisfaction to be informed by His Excellency that the progress of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway has been quite unprecedented, that traffic can now be carried on the main line from *Thunder Bay* to within fifty miles of the crossing of the *South Saskatchewan*, a distance of over one thousand miles, that it is confidently expected that the *Rocky Mountains* will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made on the *Lake Superior* Section of the Railway, and the tract laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in *British Columbia*.

That we share the pleasure expressed by His Excellency in the statement that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favour of the road shows a gratifying increase.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that the Accounts of the last fiscal year will be laid before us; and that we are pleased to learn that, notwithstanding the expenditure on Capital account amounted to more than seven millions of dollars, the surplus of the Consolidated Revenue, together with the proceeds of the sales of the lands in the *North-West* during last year, were more than sufficient to cover that expenditure, and that the net debt at the close of the year and the amount of interest paid thereon were less than for the year previous.

That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year to be submitted to us, and which will, we trust, be found to have been prepared with all due economy consistent with the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion.

That in view of the fact that on the first of January, 1885, the large 5 per cent. loan will mature, the Bill to be submitted to us authorizing the issue of Debentures bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for the redemption of this loan, will receive our careful attention.

That we feel with His Excellency, that the subjects he has mentioned to us are of much importance, and that we shall endeavour, by our earnest consideration of all of them, to justify the full confidence which His Excellency has so kindly expressed in our discretion and patriotism.

*Ordered*, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said Motion.

And the first and subsequent paragraphs being again read, and the Question being separately put upon each:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Hector L. Langevin, Sir Charles Tupper, Messrs. Tupper (*Pictou*), and Wood (*Westmoreland*), to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

Sir John A. Macdonald reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth;—