

And that the Company have, in addition, graded eighty-nine miles of branch lines.

We share the pleasure expressed by Your Excellency in being able to state that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway has largely increased, and that this line was during the last fiscal year, for the first time in its history, worked without loss to the country.

We are glad to learn, that the works on the *Welland* Canal were so advanced that the waters of Lake *Erie* were introduced for its supply in June last, and that in September the new portion of the Canal between *Allanburg* and Port *Dalhousie* was opened for traffic.

We are pleased to know that a monthly line of steamers, which has been subsidized under the authority of Parliament, is now plying between the *Dominion* and *Brazil*, with good hopes of a mutually profitable trade.

We shall read with great interest the Report of a Royal Commission, issued to inquire into the question of factory labor, and into the best means of promoting the comfort and well-being of the workingman and his family, without undue interference with the development of our manufacturing industries, which Your Excellency is pleased to say will be laid before us, and shall give it our most earnest consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts of the last year will be laid before us; it will be satisfactory to us to find that the Expenditure has been less and the Revenue considerably more than the Estimates of last year, leaving a surplus of over four millions of dollars: and we thank Your Excellency for informing us that a portion of this sum has been used in the reduction of the public debt by the redemption of matured debentures bearing six per cent. interest, and the remainder applied to the payment for public works chargeable to capital account; and that the necessity of issuing the Debenture Loan authorized by Parliament for those purposes has therefore been obviated.

We shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year, which will also be submitted, and which will, we trust, be found to have been framed with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public service.

Your Excellency may rest assured that we shall give our best attention to the several subjects mentioned by you, and to the general business which will come before us, and we thank Your Excellency for the expression of your full confidence in our patriotic desire, and our ability to forward the best interests of the country.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Sir *Leonard Tilley*, seconded by Sir *John A. Macdonald*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On motion of Sir *Leonard Tilley*, seconded by Sir *John A. Macdonald*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Sir *Hector L. Langevin*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works, for the fiscal year 1880-81, on the works under his control. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 7.)

Mr. *Caron*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report on the state of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada, for the year 1881. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)