

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 then so far 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 working man 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.

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 that 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.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same 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.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, Minister of Justice, presented to the House, The Report of the Minister of the Justice, as to Penitentiaries in *Canada*, for the year ended 30th June, 1881.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, presented to the House, The First Report of the Civil Service Commission, with Appendices, 1881.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be authorized to receive the Declaration of Qualification of the Honorable *David Edward Price*.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, presented to the House,—A Bill intituled: "An Act respecting Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies and Trading Corporations."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday the 20th instant.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell* presented to the House,—A Bill intituled "An Act respecting County Court Judges."