

An Act respecting the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company.

An Act respecting the bounty on Beet-root Sugar.

An Act further to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting Penitentiaries.

An Act respecting the Winnipeg Great Northern Railway Company.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows :—

May it Please Your Excellency :

The Commons of Canada have voted certain Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill :—

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial year ending 30th June, 1896, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service, to which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words—

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Dominion with the following

SPEECH :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In bringing this session of Parliament to a conclusion, I have to congratulate you on the industry and zeal which have marked your labours.

The necessary legislation having been passed, the Treaty of Commerce with France, from which favourable commercial results may be expected, will, as soon as ratified, be put into force by proclamation.

The negotiations with Newfoundland to which reference was made at the opening of the Session, I regret to say, have not resulted in any agreement for the present.

The reply of the Provincial Legislature of Manitoba to the Remedial Order issued by my Government on the 21st March last was considered of such a character as to justify postponement of further action until next session.

I am pleased to observe the grant of Parliament in aid of the fund contributed by the Canadian people for the benefit of the family of the late Right Honourable Sir John Thompson.

The amendments which have been made to the law relating to the Civil Service, will, it is believed, result in increased efficiency and economy.

The Legislation of the session will, I trust, lead to an improved administration of criminal law, to the advancement of commerce and the extension of railway and telegraphic communication.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the services of the current year.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In relieving you from your duties, I venture to express the hope that you will find among the people you represent a continuance of that prosperity which marked the opening year.

The SPEAKER of the Senate then said :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Saturday, the thirty-first day of August next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the thirty-first day of August next.