

and the Speaker having received the message at the Bar, returned to his chair.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said he had the honor to present an address from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by himself, which read as follows :

"Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

"I received with great satisfaction the assurance conveyed in your address of your readiness to consider the various important measures which will come before you.

"DUFFERIN."

Hon. Mr. READ gave notice that on Friday next, he will move that Mr. Speaker be desired to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Senate restaurant.

Mr. MACDONALD (Victoria), gave notice that on Monday, 13th April, he will move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all instructions given to any engineers or other persons to examine into the practicability of a mixed land and water transcontinental communication with British Columbia, and for copies of any reports received from such engineers or other persons, and for copies of any other reports or papers on the subject; of the feasibility of using the water of the Saskatchewan river for navigation purposes during a portion of the year.

Hon. Mr. PENNY gave notice that he will move for copies of all communications addressed to the Minister of Customs, within three years, complaining of the conduct of the late Collector of Customs at Montreal, and in case such complaints were made of any correspondence relating thereto, and any reports indicating the result of any inquiry made by order of the Minister of Customs into the truth thereof.—For Friday.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER gave notice that on Monday next he would move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency declaring that it is the opinion of this branch of the Legislature that it would be desirable in the interests of this country, if the treaty existing between Great Britain and the United States for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals could be extended to embrace fugitive debtors who have absconded from one country to the other, owing sums over and above \$2,000.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT presented the report of the Minister of Agriculture for 1873.

The SPEAKER announced that the message from the Commons was to ask for a committee of both Houses on the subject

of Printing. He also presented a return from the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Bureau, that the House do now adjourn, and the motion was carried.

The SPEAKER then declared the House adjourned until Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, April 9.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock, when a large number of petitions in favour of a prohibitory liquor law were presented, some of which had as many as 5,700 signatures appended; and His Honor, the Speaker, submitted a list of the stockholders of the Bank of St. John.

Petitions were also presented in favor of the amendment of the tariff so as to provide for the protection of the manufacturing interest, and upon other subjects.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD gave notice that he will on Monday next move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a return showing the amount expended upon the South East pier of the Intercolonial Railway bridge over the Pantamae river, specifying whether or not tenders were advertised for the work, and if not, whether any public notice was given to invite competition for such repairs as were contemplated, stating the nature and necessity of such repairs and under whose superintendence the work was done.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD, (Victoria), in accordance with previous notice asked :—Do the Government intend to grant to the Province of British Columbia £50,000, or any less sum, in lieu of the interest guaranteed for ten years on £100,000, under clause 12 of the terms of the Union, for the purpose of a Dry Dock, and if so, on what terms and conditions? He said: At some future time I will enter into the history of the matter, but before asking the question I would remark that the Local Legislature of British Columbia have passed an act by which they propose to take from the Dominion Government—£50,000 in lieu of the guarantee in clause 12 of the terms of Confederation—and we have seen supposed copies of telegrams and portions of correspondence which passed between members of the Dominion Government and the Local Government, which partake more of a private than an official character. Now the actual value of