

ments of which he would make no further reference than to say they would receive due consideration upon their merits when they came before the House. He had much pleasure in seconding the address, in reply to the speech of His Excellency, at the opening of the present session.

The Speaker was about to read the following address, but the House decided to take it as read :

"That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency, for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

"To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederic Temple Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom. Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice Admiral of the same.

*May it please Your Excellency—*

"We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious speech at the opening of this session.

"We thank Your Excellency for having in accordance with the intimation given by Your Excellency at the close of last Session, caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency, to inquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway

"We are grateful to Your Excellency for the intimation that the Report will be laid before Parliament, and we shall not fail to give to the evidence obtained under the Commission our careful consideration.

"Our careful attention will also be given to the Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws in force in the several Provinces relating to the representation of the people in Parliament, which your Excellency is pleased to say will again be submitted to both Houses.—And we rejoice to think that by the postponement of this measure from last Session, Parliament will have the advantage of including in its provisions the Province of Prince

Edward Island, now happily united to Canada.

"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, having been unable to make the financial arrangements necessary for the construction of that great undertaking, and having executed a surrender of their charter which has been accepted by your Excellency, we agree with your Excellency that Parliament is called upon to take steps to secure the early commencement and vigorous prosecution of the construction of that Railway, and thus to carry out in good faith, the arrangement made with the Province of British Columbia. Our best attention will accordingly be given to the measure for that purpose, which your Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to both Houses.

"Your Excellency having been pleased to observe that the extension of the bounds of the Dominion has caused a corresponding increase in the work of administration, and seem to call for additional assistance in Parliament as well as in Executive Government, and to intimate a Bill on this subject will be laid before us, we beg leave to assure your Excellency that such Bill shall receive our earnest and careful consideration.

"We thank your Excellency for informing us that our attention will be invited to the consideration of a Bill for the establishment of a General Court of Appeal, and we shall not fail to give it our best consideration.

"We shall also carefully consider the several Measures relating to our navigable waters, and to the Inspection Laws, and for the establishment of a Dominion Board of Agriculture, which may be laid before us in pursuance of Your Excellency's gracious intimation to that effect.

"We agree with Your Excellency that the subject of law relating to insolvency will necessarily engage our attention.

"We rejoice at being informed by Your Excellency that the efforts made by the several Provinces, as well as by the Dominion, to encourage immigration, have met with success, and a large number of valuable settlers has been added to our population, and we shall be prepared to concur in continuing liberal aid to this important object.

"We are grateful to Your Excellency for not doubting that our best attention will be devoted to the important interests committed to our charge, and for being confident that our deliberation will redound to the advantage and prosperity of the country."

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said he need scarcely inform the House