

effect to the measure you have passed for the better auditing of the Public Accounts.

I shall call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to your Address praying that all of British America, except Newfoundland, shall be, by Imperial action, declared to be within the Dominion of Canada.

I rejoice that during the term of my administration, this final step to consolidate British interests on the continent of America has been taken with so much unanimity, and that henceforth the Dominion Government will, under Her Majesty, exercise undisputed sway over the northern half of this continent.

I am happy to be able to state that, pending the final settlement of the question of boundary, a conventional line has been adopted by my Government and the Government of the United States, between Alaska and British Columbia on the Stickine River.

The large sums you have appropriated for the great works of internal improvement will be expended with the most rigid regard to economy, and in the expectation that the principal canals under construction may be nearly completed within the next financial year.

The settlement of Manitoba and the North West Territories has been proceeding this year with unexampled rapidity, and if the efforts of my Government to obtain a railway communication with Winnipeg, at a very early day

should be successful, I anticipate, next year a still larger increase to the population.

It is specially gratifying to find so many Canadians who had in former years emigrated to the United States now returning to the newly organized territories of their native land.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the various public services.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

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Nothing could have given me more gratification than the joint Address with which you have honored me on the eve of my departure.

My interest in Canada shall not cease when my mission as Her Majesty's Viceroy shall have terminated, and I am glad to know that you have taken so favorable a view of my efforts to fittingly represent our most gracious Queen in this the most important of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

I now bid you farewell, and earnestly trust you may find in the future the manifold blessings which I shall ever pray may be continually showered upon you.