

try made themselves apparent, and it became my pleasing duty to report to Her Majesty's Government as the result of my observations, that the inhabitants of the Dominion are well contented with their position and prospects, and that the wish nearest their hearts is to avail themselves of the franchises and full powers of legislation, which they possess, in order to build up, as a portion of the British Empire, institutions of their own choice, by laws of their own making.

I now leave you to the labours of the session, with earnest aspirations for your complete success.

#### PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

His Excellency the Governor General, accompanied by His Royal Highness, was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Hon. Mr. Campbell presented to the House, a Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker reported His Excellency's speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Campbell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, it was

Ordered, That the House take into consideration, the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Campbell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, it was

Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session, be appointed in Committees to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committees have leave to meet in this House, when, and as often as they please.

Then on motion of the Hon. Mr. Campbell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

d'Ontario. Partout se manifestèrent les grandes ressources du pays, et les preuves d'une vigoureuse industrie; et j'eus à remplir l'agréable devoir de faire rapport au Gouvernement de Sa Majesté, comme résultat de mes observations, que les habitants de la puissance sont bien satisfaits de leur position et de l'avenir qu'ils ont devant eux, et que leur plus ardent désir est de prendre avantage des franchises et pleins pouvoirs de législation qu'ils possèdent, pour fonder, comme portion de l'empire britannique, des institutions de leur propre choix par des lois faites par eux.

Je vous laisse maintenant aux travaux de la session avec le plus vif désir qu'ils soient couronnés du succès le plus complet.

#### DÉLIBÉRATIONS PRÉLIMINAIRES

Son Excellence le Gouverneur général accompagné de Sa Majesté quitte la salle et la Chambre des Communes se retire.

L'honorable M. Campbell dépose un bill relatif aux chemins de fer.

Ledit bill est présenté en première lecture.

Son Honneur le Président rapporte le Discours du Trône de Son Excellence le Gouverneur général et le Greffier en fait la lecture.

Sur la proposition de l'honorable M. Campbell, appuyée par l'honorable M. Mitchell, il est ordonné