

109. An Act to authorize the granting of Subsidies in aid of the Construction of the Lines of Railway therein mentioned.

110. An Act to amend the Acts of 1899 and 1900 respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words :—

'In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.'

Then the Honourable 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 the 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 His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively June 30, 1901, and June 30, 1902,' to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :—

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

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the First Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Dominion with the following Speech :—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In relieving you from further attendance in parliament I desire to thank you for the assiduity and zeal with which you have considered the many important subjects that have been brought before you.

It has been pleasing to note that the Act making the 24th day of May a legal holiday has met with such general approval, evincing, as it does, a desire to pay a worthy tribute to the memory

of a sovereign who was so endeared to her subjects.

The establishment of a branch of the Royal Mint in Canada marks a new departure in our monetary system and is gratifying to the pride of the people, evidencing, as it does, the increasing wealth and prosperity of the Dominion.

I am glad to observe the interest shown in so many cities and towns throughout Canada in the approaching visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. It affords an assurance that they will receive a hearty welcome.

The subsidy granted for the establishment of a line of steamers between Canada and France will, I am confident, aid materially in developing and increasing a trade with France that will prove advantageous to both countries.

The Act providing for a further allowance to the province of Prince Edward Island removes from controversy a long pending claim against the Dominion, and has been accepted in full satisfaction for all damages arising out of the alleged non-fulfilment of the terms of union in respect to intercommunication between the island and the mainland during the winter season.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the liberal supplies you have granted towards the development of our resources. This action is amply justified owing to the expanding revenue of the last two years.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I congratulate you upon the adoption of many important measures in addition to those named, and I do not doubt but that they will contribute to the general advancement and prosperity of the Dominion.

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 Wednesday, the third day of July next, to be here held, and this parliament is accordingly prorogued until the third day of July next.