

Measures will be laid before you relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes, to improve the laws respecting patents of invention and discovery, to amend the Adulteration Act, and the law respecting the Inland Revenue, to amend also the Act respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and to provide for the better organization of the National Printing Establishment.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you. It will be found that the estimates of revenue have been realized, and that after having fully provided for the various public services of the country, a substantial surplus will remain. The Estimates for next year have been framed with a due regard to the requirements of the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I commit these weighty matters, and all others which may come before you, to your earnest consideration, and I rely upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the happiness and prosperity of Canada.

NEW SENATORS.

The following newly appointed Senators were introduced and took their seats :—

HON. SAMUEL PROWSE.

HON. CHARLES ARKEL BOULTON.

HON. JAMES ALEXANDER LOUGHEED.

FIRST READING.

Bill "An Act Relating to Railways."—
(Mr. Abbott.)

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, January 17th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

HON. MR. BOULTON moved

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 he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament : namely :—

To HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain ; Knight Grand Cross 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, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice that Your Excellency on calling us together again for the consideration of Public affairs can with justice congratulate us on a continuance of the progress and prosperity of the country.

It affords us great pleasure to learn that during the recess Your Excellency visited Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, and that everywhere Your Excellency found yourself received with the loyalty and good will which you graciously say you have learned to be characteristic of Canada. It is gratifying to us to find that a comparison of Your Excellency's own observations with those of your predecessors shows clearly the great progress which has marked this part of the Dominion, in the settlement of the country and in the development of its great agricultural capabilities, of its mineral wealth and of its other natural resources.

We receive with a full sense of its importance the announcement that, in consequence of the repeated seizures by cruisers of the United States navy of Canadian vessels, while employed in the capture of seals in that part of the Northern Pacific Ocean known as Behring Sea, Your Excellency's Government has strongly represented to Her Majesty's Ministers the necessity of protecting our shipping, while engaged in their lawful calling, as well as guarding against the assumption by any nation of exclusive proprietary rights in those waters. We beg leave to assure Your Excellency of our confidence that those representations have had due weight, and we trust that your hope of being enabled during the present Session to assure us that all differences on this question are in the course of satisfactory adjustment will be realized.

We are glad to learn that, having observed the close attention which has recently been given by the Imperial authorities and on the Continent of Europe to the improvement in the methods of catching, curing and packing fish, Your Excellency deemed it expedient to cause a Commission to be sent to Scotland and Holland to examine and report upon this subject during the fishing season, and that the report of the delegates will be laid before us. It will, we are sure, give our fishermen most valuable information and instruction as to the best means of improving and developing this important industry.

We receive with interest the information that Your Excellency's Ministers have carefully considered the difficulties which surround the administration of the rights of the Dominion in its foreshores, harbors, lakes and rivers, and that a measure will be submitted to us for removing uncertainty as to the respective rights of the Dominion and of the Provinces, and for preventing confusion in the titles thereto.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that the report of the Royal Commission on Labor, which was laid before us during the last Session, has been distributed throughout the country. We do not doubt that the information which it contains will be found eminently useful in suggesting improvements in the administration of the laws which affect the working classes, and we hear with satisfaction that measures for the amendment of those laws, so far as they come within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, will be submitted for our consideration.

Your Excellency has been pleased to announce to us that the early termination of the Acts of incorporation of the principal banking institutions of the