

willingness to grant a substantial subvention towards establishing a fast line of steamers between Great Britain and Canada. It cannot be denied that the action of the present government during the past year in providing cold storage for our agricultural products, in placing refrigerators upon our cars and steamships, has done much to develop trade in these products, enabling, as it has done, our farmers and others to place their fruits and vegetables as well as the products of the dairy upon the English market in the very best possible condition. I have reason to hope that the action of the government in thus bringing Canada and Great Britain nearer together, will tend not only to increase trade between the two countries, but will also intensify the loyalty which exists throughout Canada to the sovereign and the government of Great Britain, that loyalty of which we as Canadians are so proud. We maintain that the British Empire and its Queen have no subjects more loyal than the inhabitants of Canada, and that loyalty extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific irrespective of creed or nationality. I thank this honourable House for the kind indulgence extended to me, and I beg again to express my appreciation of the honour the Premier has conferred upon me and upon the division which I have the honour to represent; and I now have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the following resolution in reply to His Excellency's speech from the throne:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir JOHN CAMPBELL-HAMILTON GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baronet of Nova Scotia;

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 also thank Your Excellency for informing us that, in accordance with the announcement made during the last session, Parliament has been summoned somewhat in advance of the usual period.

We heartily share Your Excellency's feeling that the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed is a cause for the deepest thankfulness to the Giver of all good.

We rejoice that Your Excellency is able to congratulate us upon the evidence of increased activity in the various branches of commerce and industry.

We are gratified to hear that several such indications have come under your personal observation during a tour made recently in the North-west Territories and British Columbia, and that, in par-

ticular, Your Excellency noticed the extension of mining enterprise in British Columbia, where the vast mineral resources are in certain localities being now developed and utilized upon something like an adequate scale.

It affords us much pleasure to hear that a special feature of the same tour consisted in the opportunities obtained for visiting a number of the Indian Reservations and also the Indian Industrial Schools. We are glad to learn that on the former Your Excellency was received with hearty demonstrations of loyalty and good-will, while in connection with the latter the proofs of proficiency and intelligence on the part of the children were highly encouraging.

We are glad to be informed that as to the work of the Indian Department as a whole, the manner in which it is directed and administered appears to be very satisfactory.

We agree with Your Excellency that a reference to these topics would be incomplete without an allusion to the valuable services of the North-west Mounted Police, and we respectfully note Your Excellency's opinion that that force may justly be regarded by Canadians generally as indispensable, under present conditions, to the well being of those extensive and promising portions of the Dominion in which it is stationed.

We thank Your Excellency for the intimation that immediately after the prorogation of Parliament, Your Excellency's government communicated through the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba with the government of that province, in order to ascertain upon what lines the local authorities of Manitoba would be prepared to promote amendments to the Acts respecting education in schools in that province, and whether any arrangement was possible with the Manitoba government which would render action by the Federal Parliament in this connection unnecessary. We receive, with a deep sense of its importance, Your Excellency's statement that you regret to say that the advisers of the Lieutenant-Governors have declined to entertain favourably these suggestions, thereby rendering it necessary for Your Excellency's government, in pursuance of its declared policy, to introduce legislation in regard to this subject. We also thank Your Excellency for the information that the papers will be laid before us.

We are happy to be informed by Your Excellency that the representations of your Government and the suggestions of the Ottawa Conference respecting steamship communication, have resulted in an announcement by the Imperial authorities of their willingness to grant a substantial subvention towards the Atlantic portion of the scheme.

We share Your Excellency's trust that this will ensure the successful establishment of a line of steamers between the United Kingdom and Canada, which, in point of speed and equipment, shall fully meet all requirements.

Your Excellency has informed us that your government have also learned with satisfaction that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to appoint a committee to consider a proposed Pacific cable to connect Canada with Australasia. Your Excellency may be assured that we share the gratification with which your advisers welcome these announcements as affording further evidence of the desire of Her Majesty's government to draw closer to each other and to