

manent Building Societies carrying on business in the Province of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (limited)."

An Act to Amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs.

An Act for the repression of Betting and Pool Selling.

An Act to amend the law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent.

An Act to amend certain Acts respecting duties of Customs and Excise.

An Act respecting the claim of the Dominion on the Northern Railway Company of Canada.

An Act respecting the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

An Act to incorporate "The Dominion Building Society" under the name of "The Dominion Mortgage Loan Company."

An Act respecting the Northern Railway of Canada.

An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Act, 1875

An Act to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875.

An Act to make further provision respecting the constituting and management of Building Societies in the Province of Quebec.

An Act further to amend the Acts to provide for the management of the Harbor of Quebec and "The Pilotage Act of 1873."

An Act respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

An Act to provide for the Inspection of Petroleum.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to reserve the following bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:—

An Act for the relief of Mary Jane Bates.

An Act for the relief of Walter Scott.

An Act for the relief of Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows:—

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled:—

'An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1878,

and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,' to which I humbly request your Excellency's assent."

To this bill the Royal assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill."

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the fourth session of the third Parliament of the Dominion with the following

SPEECH:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament, I beg to convey to you my thanks for the diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your duties.

Among the numerous measures you have passed, are several of considerable public importance.

The improved provision for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies will, I trust, tend to the establishment of such companies under the operation of sound general rules, rather than by special and exceptional legislation.

The law as to Insurance Companies will add to the existing securities of Canadian insurers.

The alteration of the duties on petroleum will confer a great boon on the masses of the population.

The vast shipping interests of our great inland seas will be benefited by the extension to the trade on those waters of rights and remedies, the utility of which has been recognized by long experience.

The law providing for the extradition of fugitive criminals will enable Canada to discharge efficiently her part of the engagements of the Empire in this important particular.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name, I thank you for the Supplies you have so cheerfully voted. I will take care that they are expended with due regard to economy.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Commissioners to be named under the Treaty of Washington having been at length appointed, the Commission will shortly be