

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that we share the gladness with which Your Excellency has been able to inform us that the progress of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway has been unprecedented, and that traffic can now be carried on the main line from *Thunder Bay* to within fifty miles of the crossing of the *South Saskatchewan*, a distance of over one thousand miles. We also rejoice to know that it is confidently expected that the *Rocky Mountains* will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made on the *Lake Superior* Section of the Railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in *British Columbia*.

We participate in the pleasure Your Excellency also has in stating that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favor of the road shows a gratifying increase.

We agree with Your Excellency that the subjects you have mentioned to us are of much importance, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that they shall receive our most careful consideration, and we thank Your Excellency for the confidence which you have been so graciously pleased to express in our discretion and patriotism.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*, it was

Ordered, That further debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, Minister of Justice, informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

Lorne.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable The Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to an Address to Her Majesty the Queen from the Senate and the House of Commons, presented to His Excellency in May, 1882.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, February, 1883.

The Right Honorable the Earl of Kimberley to Governor General, the Marquis of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G.

DOWNING STREET, June 12, 1882.

MY LORD,—I have received and laid before the Queen, the Address to Her Majesty from the Senate and House of Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, which was transmitted in your Lordship's despatch of the 16th of May.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to request that you will convey to the Senate and House of Commons, Her appreciation of the renewed expression of their unswerving loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty's person and Government.

Her Majesty will always gladly receive the advice of the Parliament of *Canada* in all matters relating to the Dominion, and the administration of its affairs; but with respect to the questions referred to in the Address, Her Majesty will, in accordance with the constitution of this country, have regard to the advice of the Imperial Parliament and Ministers, to whom all matters relating to the affairs of the United Kingdom exclusively appertain.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

The Marquis of Lorne.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.