

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

"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, 1893, and the 30th June, 1894, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,"—

to which Bill 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 THIRD SESSION of the SEVENTH PARLIAMENT of the Dominion with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In relieving you from attendance in Parliament for this year, I congratulate you upon the energy and promptitude with which you have disposed of the duties of the session just ended.

The assembly at Paris of the Behring Sea Arbitration Tribunal gives reason to hope that the differences which have existed between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Dominion are approaching a satisfactory adjustment, while the nomination of the Prime Minister of Canada as one of the arbitrators affords a guarantee that the interests of our sealers will be properly though not unduly safeguarded.

The treaty of commerce which was negotiated with France on behalf of Canada has been laid before you together with the correspondence which passed during the negotiations; but owing to the late period of the session at which the treaty was received, and the pendency of communications as to its bearing in respect of most-favoured-nation treatment and the interpretation of certain of its clauses, my Government has thought it advisable to postpone for the present its ratification by Parliament.

I thank you for the ample provisions you have made to protect the country from the possible introduction of cholera, and I trust that the precautions taken will result in guarding against any danger from that source.

The liberal provisions made for the proper representation of Canada at the World's Columbian Exposition will, I doubt not, enable this country to make a worthy exhibit of her resources and progress among the nations of the World.

The various Acts which you have placed upon the Statute-book will contribute to the maintenance of public security and the continued progress of the Country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the liberal provisions you have made for the requirements of the public service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I feel with deep regret that the period of my official connection with the Dominion is drawing towards its close and that in all probability I am taking leave of you for the last time. Lest this should be the case, I desire to avail myself of the present occasion to express my abiding interest in all that concerns the welfare of Canada, and my sincere affection to her people, who have never failed to testify their loyalty to the person and throne of our Sovereign, and to show kindness and consideration to her representative. It will ever be my sincere desire to be of service to the Dominion and I shall continue to cherish feelings of the warmest solicitude for the welfare and prosperity of those amongst whom I have been placed during the past five years.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may at all times attend you.