

with an appropriate nomenclature, and this subject, when submitted to us by Your Excellency, will receive our attentive consideration.

We are pleased to learn from Your Excellency that during your journey you were met by numerous Indian tribes, all expressing confidence in the continuance of the traditional policy of kindness and justice which has hitherto governed the relations between the Government and the Aborigines, while we share Your Excellency's regret that the necessity of supplementing the food supply of the Indians still exists and is likely to continue for some years.

We are happy to know that every exertion has been made to settle the Indian Bands on Reserves, and to induce them to betake themselves to the raising of cattle and cultivating the soil, and that these efforts have met with a fair measure of success; but we are aware that we can only expect by a long continuance of patient firmness to induce these children of the Prairie and the Forest to abandon their nomadic habits, become self supporting, and ultimately add to the industrial wealth of the country, and that the influx of a white population has greatly increased the danger of collision between the settler and Red man; we observe that Your Excellency is of opinion, that an augmentation of the Mounted Police has been rendered a matter of urgency, and our attention shall be given to the sanction of such increase as Your Excellency may think it necessary to seek.

We learn with satisfaction that the second Report of the Commission appointed to investigate the existing system of the Civil Service will be laid before us; and any measure on the subject submitted to us shall receive our willing consideration.

We are aware that the decennial Census having been taken last year, the duty of reconsidering and readjusting the representation in the House of Commons is imposed upon us, and we will carefully consider any measure for the purpose which may be laid before us.

We learn with much interest that several other measures of importance will be submitted to us, and that among them will be Bills for the winding-up of Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies and Trading Corporations, for the consolidation and amendment of the laws respecting the Dominion Lands, for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Supreme Court of *Canada*, and Bills relating to the tenure of office of the Judges of County Courts, and to Fugitive Offenders within the Empire; and that our attention will be called to the present anomalous position of the Vice-Admiralty jurisdiction; all these measures, when submitted, shall receive our best attention.

We receive with much satisfaction the information which Your Excellency has afforded us respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and are glad to know,—

That the work of construction on that portion of the said railway between *Prince Arthur's Landing* and *Winnipeg* is being pressed to completion, and that it is confidently expected that in July next railway communication will be established between those places; that the section between *Rat Portage* and *Winnipeg*, one hundred and thirty-five miles in length, has been completed and transferred under the terms of the contract to the *Canadian Pacific Railway Company*, by whom it is now operated; that considerable progress has been made on the Eastern Section, commencing at *Callander Station*, and that the vigorous prosecution of the work on that portion of the line during the present year has been provided for:

That in *British Columbia* the work upon the section between *Savona's Ferry* and *Emory's Bar* is being carried on, with every prospect of its completion within the time specified in the contract, and that the line from the latter place to *Port Moody*, which has been carefully located during the past season, is now being placed under contract with a view to its completion at the same date as the section from *Savona's Ferry* to *Emory's Bar*.

That upon the sections to be constructed by the Railway Company, the work has been most energetically carried forward; that during the past summer the road has been graded for the distance of two hundred and eighteen miles, and that of this, one hundred and sixty-one miles are completed and open for traffic: