

The Honourable Mr. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented to the House,—The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1892,—and also the Report on the Oyster Fisheries of Canada, 1892.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)

The Honourable Mr. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented to the House,—The Report of the Auditor-General for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

The Honourable Mr. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented to the House,—The Rules of the Exchequer Court of Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 25.*)

The Honourable Mr. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented to the House,—A return to an Address of the Senate dated the 9th July, 1892, for a copy of the latest time-table adopted to govern the running of passenger trains on the Intercolonial Railway.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Third Session of the Seventh Parliament,

The Honourable Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Desjardins,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada.

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 rejoice that Your Excellency, in meeting us at the commencement of another Session of Parliament, has the pleasure of congratulating us on the continued progress which the history of the past year unfolds with regard to Canada.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that the increase in trade, as illustrated by the exports and imports during the period for which the official returns have been prepared, has been most gratifying, and has continued down to the present time, with promise that the volume of trade during the current year will exceed that of any year in the history of the Dominion.

It affords us much pleasure to hear that the revenues of the country have likewise provided for all the services for which Parliament has made appropriation, and that the operation of the Government railways has been less burdensome, as regards the difference between income and expenditure, than has been the case for a long term of years previously.