

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General by René E. Kimber, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General, to acquaint this Honourable House, That it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with The House, went up to attend His Excellency, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills :—

An Act to revive and amend the Acts respecting the St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company.

An Act to incorporate the Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway Company.

An Act to confirm an agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Hamilton Powder Company.

An Act for the relief of Albert Nordheimer.

An Act amalgamating the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company and the Parry Sound Colonization Railway Company under the name of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company.

An Act respecting the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway Company.

An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company.

An Act to incorporate the Columbia Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An Act to incorporate the Mather Bridge and Power Company.

An Act respecting the South Shore Railway Company.

An Act to amend the North-west Territories Representation Act by dispensing with the preparation of new voters' lists in certain cases.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General, as followeth :—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

“The Commons of Canada have voted certain Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

“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 year ending the 30th June, 1897, 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 was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses :—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am glad to be able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament.

I am happy to repeat the assurance already given, that I have every expectation that an amicable settlement of the Manitoba School question will shortly be arrived at.