

Excise. In order to produce equilibrium between revenue and expenditure for the coming year, it will be necessary to observe the greatest possible economy in the appropriations for the various branches of the public service.

During the period that has elapsed since the last Session of Parliament, I have had an opportunity of visiting many portions of the Dominion, including the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, the North-west Territories and British Columbia. Throughout these tours I have been impressed and gratified by manifestations of an abounding loyalty and public spirit; and notwithstanding the phase of trade depression already referred to, I observed everywhere unmistakable signs of that confident hopefulness in the future, based on thorough belief in the greatness of the resources of Canada, which is one of the characteristics of her people, and which furnishes a good augury and pledge of further development and progress.

The Government of Newfoundland having intimated its desire to renew negotiations looking to the admission of that colony into the Dominion of Canada, a sub-committee of my advisers have recently met in conference a delegation from the Island Government and discussed with them the terms of union. It will be a subject of general congratulation if the negotiations now pending result in the incorporation of Her Majesty's oldest colonial possession into the Canadian Confederation.

Measures relating to bankruptcy and insolvency, and to joint stock companies will be laid before you. You will also be asked to consider certain amendments to the Insurance Act, to the Act respecting Dominion Notes, to the Dominion Lands Act, to the Indian Act, to the North-west Territories Representation Act, as also a Bill respecting the land subsidy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have directed that the accounts of the past year shall be laid before you. The estimates for the ensuing year will also be presented. They have been framed with every regard to economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I now leave you to the discharge of the important duties devolving upon you with an earnest prayer that being guided by the spirit of wisdom and patriotism your deliberations may, under the divine blessing, conduce to the unity and well-being of Canada.

The House of Commons then withdrew.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill "An Act relating to Railways."
(Sir Mackenzie Bowell.)

THE ADDRESS

The SPEAKER reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL moved that the Senate do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, 22nd April, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. PRIMROSE moved—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious speech at the opening of the present Session; and, further, to assure His Excellency that—

We also thank His Excellency for the expression of his satisfaction at again having recourse to our advice and assistance in the administration of the affairs of the Dominion.

We share most sincerely His Excellency's feeling that by the sudden and lamented death of the late Right Honourable Sir John Thompson, Canada has sustained a grievous loss. The deep and heartfelt sympathy expressed by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the manifestations of sorrow with which the distressing intelligence was received throughout the Empire, as well as the tokens of esteem and respect everywhere paid to the memory of the deceased statesman, have been gratefully appreciated by the people of Canada.

We learn with interest that, satisfactory assurances having been received from Her Majesty's Government respecting the interpretation of certain clauses in the Treaty of Commerce with France, ratifications will be exchanged as soon as the necessary legislation has been passed.

We are pleased to be informed by His Excellency that the recent action of the Imperial Parliament enabling the various Australasian Governments to enter into preferential trade relations with the other self-governing Colonies of the Empire, affords gratifying proof that the suggestions of the Colonial Conference are being favourably entertained by Her Majesty's Government.

We thank His Excellency for informing us that, in conformity with a recent judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to the effect that the dissentient minority of the people of Manitoba have a constitutional right of appeal to the Governor General in Council against certain Acts passed by the legislature of the province of Manitoba in relation to the subject of education, His Excellency has heard in Council the appeal; that His Excellency's decision thereon has been communicated to the legislature of the said province; and that the papers on the subject will be laid before us.