

most other countries enjoying Constitutional Government of taking votes by ballot, and to the establishment of a General Court of Appeal ; and that measures will be submitted to us for the amendment of the Laws relating to Controverted Elections, the Militia, and Insolvency.

4. That the enactment of 1872 respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway having failed to secure the prosecution of that great enterprise, we beg to assure His Excellency that we shall be ready most earnestly to consider what plan will best and most speedily provide the means of trans-continental communication with *British Columbia*.

5. That we shall receive with pleasure the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, shewing the progress made during the past year in the Surveys connected with the proposed Line, which will be laid before us, though we regret that the destruction of the Railway Offices by fire involved a serious loss of maps, plans, and papers, the possession of which would have made the Report more complete.

6. That we are gratified to learn that the Canal and Harbor improvements are being vigorously prosecuted with a view to ensure adequate accommodation for the rapidly growing trade of the country.

7. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works on the proposed Canal between the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* and the Bay of *Fundy* will be submitted for our consideration.

8. That we are pleased to learn that from the progress already made in the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, it may be completed in another year ; also that a report shewing its actual condition will be laid before Parliament, and that a measure will be introduced to vest in the Department of Public Works the powers now exercised by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

9. That we rejoice to learn from His Excellency that the question of compensation due to the Dominion for the Fishery privileges conceded to the *United States* by the Treaty of *Washington* has given rise to a renewal of negotiations tending to widen reciprocal trade relations with that country ; and that at the instance of the Government, the Imperial authorities have given directions to the British Minister to discuss the whole subject with the Administration at *Washington*, and have associated with him for this purpose a Canadian Commissioner.

10. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the accounts of the last financial year will be laid before us, as well as a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the present year, to the latest practicable period.

11. That we learn with regret that the receipts of the current year will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure, and that we shall be ready to consider the best means to be adopted for making good the anticipated deficiency.

12. That we are happy to hear that the estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before us, and that they have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

13. That we rejoice to learn that the combined efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to promote Immigration have met with a reasonable measure of success, thus adding a considerable number of desirable persons from other countries to our industrial population.

14. That we receive with satisfaction the announcement that notwithstanding the commercial depression which, through exceptional causes, prevailed to some extent during the past year, the general prosperity was not thereby seriously affected ; and rejoice in being assured of His Excellency's conviction that as the great natural resources of the Dominion become more widely appreciated, the results will be a healthy stimulus to the enterprise and energy of our people and a still larger accession to our numbers.

15. That we trust, with His Excellency, that our deliberations may be directed by wisdom and aided by Divine Providence.

And the first and subsequent paragraphs of the said Resolution being again read were agreed to, and it was resolved accordingly.