

of the Dominion in its foreshores, harbors, lakes and rivers, and that a measure will be submitted to us for removing uncertainty as to the respective rights of the Dominion and of the Provinces, and for preventing confusion in the titles thereto.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that the report of the Royal Commission on Labor, which was laid before us during the last Session, has been distributed throughout the country. We do not doubt that the information which it contains will be found eminently useful in suggesting improvements in the administration of the laws which affect the working classes, and we hear with satisfaction that measures for the amendment of those laws, so far as they come within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, will be submitted for our consideration.

Your Excellency has been pleased to announce to us that the early termination of the Acts of Incorporation of the principal Banking institutions of the Dominion necessitates a review of our present system of Banking and an adjustment of the terms under which the Charters of these corporations should be renewed. We beg leave to say that we shall not fail to give our most careful attention to this important subject.

We are gratified to learn that certain amendments to the Acts relating to the North-West Territories, calculated to facilitate the administration of affairs in that region, as also that a Bill further to promote the efficiency of the North-West Mounted Police, will be submitted for our consideration.

We also thank Your Excellency for informing us that measures will be laid before us relating to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, to improve the laws respecting Patents of Invention and Discovery, to amend the Adulteration Act, and the law respecting the Inland Revenue, to amend also the Act respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and to provide for the better organization of the National Printing Establishment.

We humbly beg leave to assure Your Excellency that these weighty matters, and all others which may come before us, shall receive the careful consideration from us which you have been graciously pleased to invite, and also to assure Your Excellency that you may rely upon our most earnest efforts to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the happiness and prosperity of Canada.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

The Honorable Mr. Abbott, a Member of the Privy Council for Canada, presented to the House,—The Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1889.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

The Honorable Mr. McCallum presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Railway Act.'"

The said Bill was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.