

commensurate with the wonderful and giant strides it is making in the eyes of the world. We have been told that we must remember that the eyes of the world are upon us—not only upon the resources we possess, but upon the public men—upon our statesmen who, not merely for the time being but in a great measure for all time to come, will shape the material policy and the political thought of their country. In referring to the future of this country no happier phrase occurs to me than one that was used on a very interesting occasion a few days ago when Lord Derby said to the Agents General of the different colonies of the British Empire, in speaking of the possible future of such countries as Canada and Australia: "It is difficult to avoid the language of exaggeration." I have much pleasure in moving the following Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne:

That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the auspicious circumstances under which at the opening of a new Parliament we shall begin our labors.

That we are gratified by the expression of His Excellency's opinion, that Canada is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and that all her industries, agricultural, manufacturing and commercial, are in a healthy and improving condition.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that, following the example of his distinguished predecessor, he paid a visit of some length to British Columbia last season; and for the expression of his conviction that the great natural resources of that Province promise, that as soon as the Pacific Railway is completed, an impulse to its prosperity, commensurate with the progress made elsewhere, will be assured, and that meanwhile, the disposal of the lands set aside in aid of the Railway to actual settlers will add to the importance and wealth of the Province.

That we learn with great satisfaction that while passing through the United States, His Excellency was rejoiced to observe many evidences of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion; and that we concur heartily in His Excellency's wish that this friendship, which is so fully returned by us, may be as enduring as it is natural and advantageous to the mutual interests of both great nations.

That we share His Excellency's belief that the steady flow of settlers into Manitoba and the North-West Territories last year, and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and salubrious regions.

That we understand that His Excellency has been advised that it is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended and the electoral franchises existing in the several Provinces assimilated; and that the measure to be submitted to us for this purpose will receive full consideration.

That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that he is advised that the Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered last June on the appeal of *Russel versus the Queen* goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary; and that His Excellency may rest assured that our earnest consideration will be given to this important subject.

That our special attention shall be given to any measure submitted to us for regulating Factory Labor and the protection of the working-man and his family.

That the Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Customs, the Militia, and the Public Lands, which His Excellency is pleased to say will be laid before us, shall receive our consideration; as shall also any measures presented to us respecting the Civil Service, the Acts relating to Banking, and the examination of Masters and Mates of vessels navigating our inland waters.

That it affords us much satisfaction to be informed by His Excellency that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been quite unprecedented, that traffic can now be carried on the main line from Thunder Bay to within fifty miles of the crossing of the South Saskatchewan a distance of over one thousand miles, that it is confidently expected that the Rocky Mountains will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made on the Lake Superior Section of the Railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in British Columbia.

That we share the pleasure expressed by His Excellency in the statement that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favor of the road shows a gratifying success.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that the accounts of the last fiscal year will be laid before us; and that we are pleased to learn that, notwithstanding the expenditure on Capital account amounted to more than seven millions of dollars, the surplus of the Consolidated Revenue, together with the proceeds of the sales of the

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lands in the North-West during last year, were more than sufficient to cover that expenditure, and that the net debt at the close of the year and the amount of interest paid thereon were less than for the year previous.

That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year to be submitted to us, and which will, we trust, be found to have been prepared with all due economy consistent with the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion.

That in view of the fact that on the first of January, 1885, the large 5 per cent. loan will mature, the Bill to be submitted to us authorizing the issue of Debentures bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for the redemption of this loan, will receive our careful attention.

That we feel with His Excellency, that the subjects he has mentioned to us are of much importance, and that we shall endeavor by our earnest consideration of all of them to justify the full confidence which His Excellency has so kindly expressed in our discretion and patriotism.

Mr. WOOD (Westmoreland). Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the resolution which has been so ably moved by the hon. member for Pictou, and in doing so, will, with your permission, offer a few observations upon some of the subjects suggested for our consideration by the Speech from the Throne. The opening paragraphs refer to the peaceful times in which we live, and particularly to our amicable relations to the neighboring Republic, which I trust may long continue. Reference is also made to the general prosperity that prevails throughout the country. During the past few years prosperity has returned, harvests have been abundant, manufactures have found increased demand for their products; new industries have been developed; confidence exists in commercial circles, and activity in trade, in marked and happy contrasts with the depression and distrust of former years. These are facts which I feel will be universally and gratefully acknowledged. I assume it will not be deemed desirable to occupy the time of this House during the present Session at any length in discussing how far these results may be fairly attributed to the operation of that policy which gives increased protection to home industries, which the Liberal-Conservative party advocate, and which they have taken the responsibility of adopting in the government of the country; nor yet to establish the opposite view that nature and Providence have been so lavish in their gifts to this country that this prosperity has come unaided by and even in defiance of human legislation. These questions are of great interest and public importance; but I conceive their discussion at the present time would not be productive of great practical good, for the reason that the course which the present Administration thought proper to pursue in dissolving Parliament at the close of its last Session, and appealing to the people on this question with the verdict which they have given, renders it sufficiently clear that they regard it as one which meets their wants and wishes, one which they have resolved to maintain, and one therefore which it must for years to come continue to be the settled policy of this Dominion. Reference is also made by His Excellency to his visit to British Columbia, to the natural resources of the country, the development of which will be assured by the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway as well as to what has been accomplished during the past year towards the attainment of that end. I have listened with more than ordinary pleasure to the statements upon that subject made by the hon. gentleman who has preceded me. It is gratifying to myself and must be gratifying to every member of this House to learn that already the work of construction is completed for a distance of upwards of 600 miles west from Winnipeg, and that the road has been opened for traffic and is now in actual operation 1,000 miles west from Lake Superior, that satisfactory progress has been made by the Government in British Columbia and upon the eastern and more difficult section between Callendar Station and the line from Prince Arthur's Landing, that the work is being carried forward by this Company with so much vigor and success even during the present winter months; and further, that with the branch line now in course of construction to