

An Act to incorporate the Pacific Junction Bridge Company.

An Act to incorporate the Gananoque and Wiltsie Navigation Company.

An Act to incorporate the Inter-Oceanic Railway Company of Canada.

An Act to amend the Act 32 and 33 Vic., Cap. 8.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Advertisements respecting Stolen Goods.

An Act to amend an Act of the present Session, and to enable the Governor in Council to impose a duty on Tea and Coffee, imported from the United States, in the case therein mentioned.

An Act to amend the Criminal Law relating to Violence, Threats and Molestations.

An Act respecting trade Unions.

An Act to extend the Acts 32, 33 Vic., Cap. 40, and 33 Vic., Cap. 20, to the Port of Collingwood.

An Act to extend certain Laws relating to matters connected with Navigation to the Province of British Columbia.

An Act for imposing Tonnage Dues and Wharfage Rates to meet the cost of improving the navigation of the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Quebec.

An Act to extend the Canadian Tariff of Duties of Customs and Excise, and certain Acts relating to Customs and the Revenue, to the Province of British Columbia.

An Act to incorporate the Anticosti Company.

An Act to amend the Interim Parliamentary Elections Act, 1871.

An Act respecting the Public Lands of the Dominion.

The Title of the following Bill was then read:—

“An Act to amend the Act respecting Copyright.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:

“His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.”

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor-General as follows: “May it please your Excellency,—In the name of the Commons

of Canada, I present to your Excellency a bill entitled ‘An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required to defray certain expenses of the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1872 and the 30th June, 1873’ 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.”

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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

After which His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to close the fifth session of the first Parliament of the Dominion with the following speech:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate; Honourable Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have much satisfaction in relieving you from an attendance in Parliament which cannot fail to be inconvenient to many of you at this season of the year. I thank you, therefore, all the more, for the time and attention which you have diligently bestowed on the discharge of your public duties.

The interest and importance of various questions which have been discussed and decided will render the session memorable in the annals of the country.

Your adoption of the articles of the Treaty of Washington, which affect Canadian interests, has placed in a clear light your determination to share the fortunes of England. The generous disposition evinced under the trying circumstances of the time has added strength to the honourable position of Canada, both as regards the British Empire and the United States.

The vast project, of which you have so wisely matured the conditions, for carrying a railway to the shores of the Pacific, will open a pathway for England as well in peace as in war to the east: and will, I trust, be productive of the most essential benefits to this Dominion by giving facilities to traffic of all descriptions; enhancing the value of the public lands, promoting their settlement, and drawing closer the ties which bind the sister provinces together, by easier access and multiplied intercourse.

Few who have not considered the subject have any adequate conception how large an extent of economical advantage the possession of great navigable rivers like the St. Lawrence and its tributaries comprises. The outlay you have sanctioned on their improvement and on that of the auxiliary canals is a safe investment. It will be amply and speedily repaid by the augmented volume of trade flowing down all the channels opened to its course, for it will be swollen by the confluence of