

The Honorable Mr. *Robitaille* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *O'Donohoe*, That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice to hear 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.

We learn with much interest that since we last assembled Your Excellency has paid a visit of some length to *British Columbia*. We are glad to hear Your Excellency's expression of opinion, 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.

It is with the greatest pleasure we learn that while passing through the *United States* Your Excellency was rejoiced to observe many evidences of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion. We heartily participate in Your Excellency's hope 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.

We receive with gratification the information 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.

We humbly agree with Your Excellency 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 should be assimilated, and we assure Your Excellency that our most careful attention will be given to the measure for this purpose, which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us will be submitted for our consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that you have been advised that the Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered last June on the appeal of *Russell 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. In compliance with Your Excellency's desire, our earnest consideration shall be given to this important subject.

Our best attention, Your Excellency may be assured, will be given to any measure regulating Factory Labor and the protection of the workingman and his family which may be submitted to us, and also to the Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Customs, the Militia and the Public Lands, which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be laid before us.

It affords us pleasure to learn that among other measures Bills will be presented to us respecting the Civil Service, Banking and the examination of Masters and Mates of vessels navigating our inland waters.