

An Act to legalize proceedings taken for the naturalization of certain Aliens in the Province of Manitoba.

An Act to continue for a limited time the Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to encourage the manufacture of Pig Iron in Canada, from Canadian ore.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Penitentiaries.

An Act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, and the issue of licenses therefor.

An Act further to amend the Consolidated Railway Act of 1879, and to declare certain lines of railway to be worked for the general advantage of Canada.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ The Commons of Canada have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

“ In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled :-

‘ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1883, and the 30th June, 1884, and for other purposes relating to the Public service, 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.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the FIRST SESSION of the FIFTH PARLIAMENT of the DOMINION with the following

SPEECH :

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I desire to thank you for the diligence and earnestness with which you have performed your duties during this protracted session.

The large sums which the buoyant state of the Revenue has enabled you to appropriate in aid of the construction of railways and the great works of internal improvement will be carefully applied and economically expended, and must contribute in a large measure to the prosperity and progress of the Country.

The Dominion Lands Bill which embodies the results of the experience acquired during the last two years will, it is believed, greatly assist and encourage the settlers now flowing in such unprecedented numbers into Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The amendments to the laws respecting the Militia will tend to improve the discipline, training and military education of that invaluable force.

The consolidation and amendment of the Statutes relating to the management of the Customs, while protecting the honest trader against fraudulent and dishonest competitors, will free the commerce of the Country from some of the restraints imposed on it by the previously existing laws.

The re-adjustment of the tariff and the reduction of duties on the raw materials used in our manufactures, together with the bounty granted on the production of Pig Iron, must aid in the further development of Canadian industries.

It is gratifying also to know that the financial position of the Public Treasury has enabled you to lower the pressure of taxation by more than a million of dollars.

The Bill for the regulation of shop, saloon, and tavern licenses must have the effect of preventing the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors in every Province of the Dominion, and affords an efficient system for its successful operation freed from the suspicion of political bias or control ; while at the same time it will not unduly interfere with the rights of those who had engaged in the trade under the authority of Legislative enactments.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I return you my thanks for the supplies you have granted for the various public services.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I desire to thank you for the great honour conferred on me by the presentation of a joint Address. The Princess and I have both been profoundly touched by your words ; and the message of which you make us the bearers comes, as we personally know, from a people determined to maintain the Empire.

The severance of my official connection with Canada does not loosen the tie of affection which will ever make me desire to serve this country.

I pray that the prosperity I have seen you enjoy may continue, and that the blessing of God may at all time be yours to strengthen you in Unity and Peace.

The SPEAKER of the Senate then said :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL’S will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday, the 4th day of July next to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the 4th day of July next.