

Sir Hugh Allan has amassed a very good fortune, I would be very sorry to exchange records with him. That is not only true but it is also well known that throughout the country Sir Hugh Allan is very much miss-trusted in this matter, even by his own colleagues. It will probably be found that there is a clause in the charter for the express purpose of protecting his colleagues from Sir Hugh Allan. I must add that to have an editor in one's employ is quite a modern luxury. It may be a very agreeable thing to have one's editor travelling in one's suite, to explain away what requires to be explained, to supply what may be omitted in a speech; still this is attended with danger at the same time. Our forefathers had also their luxuries—their jesters and their minstrels, but they were flatterers by whatever names they were known—from poor Yorick to Wamba the Witless. I do not wish to say anything derogatory to the ability of the editor—he is a man of some note—he was employed by the Government to act as immigration agent, and he made some speeches in the promotion of his mission, and then came back and lectured the department for its mismanagement. Of course if Sir Hugh Allan will employ a jester, and some one to wear the cap and bells, he must receive the odium of the mistakes that are made in the absence of himself or his editor. I can only add, that I have acted with great forbearance throughout the whole question, and deeply regret being forced now to make these remarks in my own justification.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST—I can certainly say with other gentlemen that I have more information before me than I had yesterday. Perhaps we shall learn still more by Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday.

MONDAY, 10th March, 1873.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD gave notice of a motion with respect to the Intercolonial Railway; Hon. Mr. MILLER, of a notice with respect to a vacancy in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and the equalization of the salaries of the Judges of the Maritime Provinces.

ANSWER TO THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL said—I rise for the purpose of moving that, the following Address be presented to His Excellency

as an answer to the Speech with which he has been pleased to open Parliament:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye, of Clandeboye, in the County Lown in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleily and Killeleagh in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick and Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of Canada and Prince Edward, &c., &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 the present Session.

We thank Your Excellency for your desire, in addressing for the first time the Parliament of Canada, to express the satisfaction which Your Excellency is pleased to feel in resorting to our advice and assistance, and for communicating to us Your Excellency's deep sense of your good fortune in being permitted to associate yourself with us in our labors and aspirations for the welfare of this Dominion, and we rejoice with Your Excellency, to think that your assumption of office should have taken place at a period when the prospects of the country appear so full of promise, when peace and amity prevail amongst all neighbouring nations, and when so many indications are afforded of the success with which Canada herself is consolidating her political unity and developing her material resources.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that in accordance with the decision of Parliament, and to carry into effect the legislation of last session, Your Excellency has caused a Charter to be granted to a body of Canadian capitalists for the construction of the Pacific Railway. We are glad to hear that the Company now formed has given assurance that this great work will be vigorously prosecuted, and that a favorable state of the money market in England affords every hope that satisfactory arrangements may be made for the required capital. We shall duly consider the papers and correspondence relating to this subject which Your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us.