

for their respective shares of the award ; and that we shall receive with pleasure the papers on the subject, which His Excellency informs us will be submitted to us.

That we are aware that the important and rapidly increasing trade between *Canada* and *England*, in live cattle, has been seriously threatened by the appearance, in various parts of the *United States*, of pleuro-pneumonia ; and that we are glad to know, that in order to prevent the contagion from spreading to *Canada*, and the consequent interruption of the trade, His Excellency has caused an Order to be issued under "The Animal Contagious Diseases' Act, 1869," prohibiting the importation or introduction into the Dominion of American cattle, for a short period. That we entertain the hope that the disease will be, ere long, extinguished in the *United States*, and the necessity for continuing the prohibition removed ; and that our best attention shall be given to any amendment of the Act just referred to, which His Excellency may cause to be submitted for our consideration.

That we are much gratified by the information that His Excellency's Government has commenced negotiations with Her Majesty's sanction, for the development of the trade of *Canada* with *France* and *Spain*, and with their respective colonies, and that His Excellency hopes to be able to lay before us the result of those negotiations during the present Session.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that it is the purpose of his Government to press for the most vigorous prosecution of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, and to meet the reasonable expectations of *British Columbia*. That we are sensible that in carrying out this intention, due regard must be had to the financial position of the country, and that we are happy to know that communication by rail has been effected between *Manitoba* and the *United States* system of railways, by the junction, at *St. Vincent*, of the *Pembina* branch of our railway with the *St. Paul* and *Pacific* Railroad, and to learn that the portion of the main line which extends from *English River* to *Keewatin* is now being placed under contract, and will be energetically pushed to completion in order to secure, as rapidly as is possible, the connection between *Lake Superior* and the great *North-West*.

That any Bill for the amendment and consolidation of the Acts relating to Stamps which may be submitted for our consideration, as well as any measure amending the Act relating to Weights and Measures, shall receive our best attention.

That we are aware that the decennial census must be taken in 1881, and that we agree with His Excellency in thinking it expedient that a measure for the purpose should be passed during the present Session, in order to give ample time for the preparation of all the preliminary arrangements, and to ensure the census being taken as accurately and inexpensively as possible, and that in connection with this subject it may be well to consider the propriety of providing some means for the collection and collation of vital, criminal and general statistics.

That we shall not fail respectfully to consider any Bills which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us for the re-arrangement of some of the Departments of the Government, and also any measures relating to the survey and management of the Dominion Lands, to the Mounted Police, and to the Post Office Department ; for the amendment, in some particulars, of the laws relating to Indians, or for the vesting in Her Majesty, for the use of the Dominion, of certain ordnance and admiralty lands in the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before us at an early day, and that they have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is compatible with the efficiency of the public service.

That we share the regret expressed by His Excellency that the receipts into the Treasury from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the Consolidated Revenue ; that we agree with His Excellency in the opinion that it is not desirable that our finances should longer remain in this condition ; and that we trust, with His Excellency, that by the application of the strictest economy to the public expenditure, and by the re-adjustment of the tariff with the view of