

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 new 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 repayed by the augmented volume of trade flowing down all the channels opened to its course, for it will be swollen by the confluence of your own accumulating productions with those of your Western neighbors.

It is highly satisfactory that the condition of the revenue is so prosperous as to enable you to advance the interests of the Country by commencing the construction of these works at once, without delay or misgiving.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies which you have so cheerfully granted.

I heartily congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the revenue, and on your having been enabled by the repeal of the duties on tea and coffee to diminish the burdens of the people.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The joint address with which you have honored me on the eve of my departure is most agreeable to my feelings.

I shall I assure you hold in grateful recollection all my life the expression of your respect and esteem.

I have watched with deep interest in my official capacity the proceedings of four sessions, and made myself otherwise acquainted with the views and wishes of the Parliament and people of Canada, and I earnestly hope that the good intelligence which prevails between them and the people of England may last constant and unimpaired for generations to come.

I have now the honor to bid you farewell, with those serious thoughts which the word farewell naturally awakens, with every acknowledgment of the many courtesies and the effective assistance which I have received at your hands and with the most cherished and ardent wishes for the welfare of the Dominion, with which I rejoice to think that my humble name has been connected by an honorable tie for more than three years.

The following Bills received the Royal Assent:—

An act to repeal the Duties of Customs on Tea and Coffee.

An act to amend the act respecting the Statutes of Canada.

An act to confirm an agreement made between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and the International Bridge Company; and for other purposes.

An act for the avoidance of doubts respecting Larceny of Stamps.

An act further to amend "an act" respecting the security to be given Officers of Canada.

An act to correct a Clerical error in the act respecting Malicious Injuries to Property.

An act to make provision for the continuation and extension of the Geological Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Geological Museum.

An act to naturalize Anson Greene Phelps Dodge.

An act to amend the act regulating the issue of Dominion Notes.

An act respecting the Public Debt and the raising of Loans authorized by Parliament.

An act to amend the act respecting the Civil Service of Canada.

An act to amend the act of incorporation of the Caughnawaga Ship Canal Company.

An act to amend an act to incorporate