

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:—
Of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company; praying for the passing of an Act amending their Acts of Incorporation.

Of the Warden and Council of Lennox and Addington; praying for the passing of an Act granting substantial aid to the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, as will enable it to hold a Dominion Exhibition at Toronto in the year 1895, open to the World, at which the several Provinces will be fittingly represented.

The Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Angers,

That, pursuant to Rule 79, the following Senators be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate the Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees, namely:—The Honourable Messieurs Allan, Angers, Bernier, Macdonald (Victoria), McClelan, Miller, Power, Scott, and the mover; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honourable Mr. Primrose's motion, viz.:—

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 he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON-GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baronet of Nova Scotia; Governor General of Canada.

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 gratefully acknowledge Your Excellency's expression of the satisfaction with which you again have recourse to our advice and assistance in the administration of the affairs of the Dominion.

We share most sincerely Your Excellency's feeling that, by the sudden and lamented death of the late Right Honourable Sir John Thompson, Canada has sustained a grievous loss. The deep and heartfelt sympathy expressed by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the manifestations of sorrow with which the distressing intelligence was received throughout the Empire, as well as the tokens of esteem and respect everywhere paid to the memory of the deceased statesman, have been gratefully appreciated by the people of Canada.

We learn with much interest that, satisfactory assurances having been received from Her Majesty's Government respecting the interpretation of certain clauses in the Treaty of Commerce with France, ratifications will be exchanged as soon as the necessary legislation has been passed.

We are pleased to be informed by Your Excellency that the recent action of the Imperial Parliament enabling the various Australasian Governments to enter into preferential trade relations with the other self-governing Colonies of the Empire, affords gratifying proof that the suggestions of the Colonial Conference are being favorably entertained by Her Majesty's Government.