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WING to a strike amongst the Printers of Mont real, we are unable to publish our usual editorials and trade reports, or to make corrections in the prices current. Trade, however, has been very dull, and the changes are few and unimportant.

SPRECH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

N Thursday, at three o'clock P.M.. His Excellency the Governor-General proceeded in state to the chamber of the Squate, in the Parliament buildings and took his seat upon the throne. The members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excel. lency was pleased to open the second session of the first Parlisment of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech from the throne:-

Honorable Centlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I have great satisfaction in having recourse to your advice, and I rejoice to think that on this, the first occasion on which I have had the honour of addressing you, we may congratulate ourselves on the espect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful counsels amongst nations, and on the indications of agreement and tranquility favourable alike to the development of foreign commerce, and the prosception of domestic industry. The great scheme of Confederation was successfully inaugurated under the auspices of my predecessor. It is to me a source of pride to find my hame in honorable ascettation with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of Ca to da, and I shall count it a happiness, as well as a duty, to co-operate to the utmost of my ability, in furthering your efforts to etrengthen the ties that blind the different Provinces together, and to insure the attachment of the people to the soil by the enactment of wise and equal laws.

Your efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, insumuch as the

terms upon which grest accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for your immediate consideration. In consequence of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos' despatch of the 8th August, of last year, stating that his Grace proposed to enter into ne gotiations with the Hudeon's Bay Company as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and c'aims in the North-West Territory. I ord Monck sent home to England two members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceeding, and attend to the interests of Canada. The Conference in London, and the correspondence on the subject, have been brought to a definition is sue by the pronosal which, after a in I review of the circumstances. Evil Granvillo made on the 1sat of Her Majesty's Government for the consideration of the people of Carada and of the Hudson's Bay Company. I have received the intelligence that the Alusson's Bay Company has, after some deliberation, decided upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the colonies.

I have directed that the report of the mission and all the papers connected therewith shall be duly laid before Parliament, and I recommend them to your serious consideration in view of the great importance of the subject no less than in the hope that this long, vexed question may be close d without further delay.

I was much gratified by communications from the Governor of Newfoundland expressing the desire for admissir in in's the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of the co'ony; and especially by his despatch of the 20th March last covering copies of resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance. Those documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament, and I hope that before the close of the session I may be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for your consideration.

It will be a sonsible pleasure to me as well as

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The estimates for the expenditure of the coming year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with every economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service. I have also desired that the financial accounts of the past year shall be laid before you.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

the House of Commons:

The charters of several banks are drawing to a close, and the important subjects of banking and currency will be brought under your notice. In considering these questions which so deeply sirect not only the important interests of commerce, but the daily transactions of life, I feel assured that you will endeavour to adopt such principles as in that application may insure the greatest measure of safety to the public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of trade.

I have enumerated a variety of topics but they areof moment, and press for a decision within the limits of the session I commit them in all confidence to your deliberate judgment, earns 'ly hoping that a blessing may attend your coursels and enable you to discharge with dignity and effect the great trust to which the order of Province has called you.

The Halifax Colonist wants to annex the State of Maine to the Dominion. It points out very clearly that the people of that State would be far better of if they could be rid of their present heavy burthen of debt, and once again be able to engage in ship-haliding as in the old times before the war. The Colonist shows that Portland the most important city in the State, was built up by the trand Trank Rullway, and that if it became a British port it would soon rival Boston in wealth and importance. If the people of Maine desire to share with ur the enjoyment of British institutions they will indeed be warmly well-comed; at the same time we would not wish to say anything to them which might wound their national pride or self-respect.