

be premature now to say. The interest taken in the Colonies, however, must be a matter of satisfaction to us.

There is another matter for which we have particular reason to feel gratified, that is the marked honor conferred on the Premier of the Dominion by our gracious Sovereign. Such a fitting recognition of his long public services, will, I am sure, be regarded by the majority of the people with much satisfaction.

I beg to move :—

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 Most Honourable Henry Charles Keith Petty-Fitzmaurice, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Caln and Calstone, in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain ; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw, and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland ; 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 rejoice that Your Excellency in again meeting us for the despatch of business has to congratulate us on the abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed our country, and upon the general condition of the Dominion, whose commercial prosperity, although it has to some extent shared in the depression which has prevailed in Great Britain and the neighbouring Republic, rests upon foundations which no temporary or partial disturbance can remove.

We trust, with Your Excellency, that the present year will be one of peace and progress.

It affords us great satisfaction to be informed that the flow of population into Manitoba and the

North-West Territories, although impeded by various and unexpected causes, has been substantial, and that the testimony of members of the British Association and of other visitors to the North-West last summer as to the well-being, contentment, and hopefulness of the settlers, is most gratifying.

We learn with much interest that a Bill introducing into those Territories a more simple and economical system for the transfer of land will be laid before us.

It affords us much pleasure to know that the Report of the Commission for the consolidation of the Statutes affecting the Dominion has been completed and will be submitted to us for legislative action.

The consideration which Your Excellency has been pleased again to invite to a measure relating to the representation of the people in Parliament, and for the assimilation of the Electoral Franchise in the several Provinces, shall be most attentively given thereto.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that a provisional arrangement of matters for some time under discussion with the Government of Manitoba has been entered into, and that a measure confirming the same will be submitted to us so soon as it has been accepted by the Provincial Legislature.

We receive with great interest the information that Your Excellency deemed it expedient to issue during the recess a Commission to consider and report upon the whole subject of Chinese Immigration with reference to its trade relations, as well as to those social and moral objections which have been taken to the influx of the Chinese people into Canada ; and that the Report of the Commissioners is very nearly completed, and will be laid before us during the present Session.

We hear with interest that the necessity of encouraging the speedy construction of lines of railway through the North-West Territories has pressed itself on Your Excellency's Government, and that we will be asked to aid railway enterprise by liberal grants of land.

We thank Your Excellency for inviting our attention to the urgent representations which have been made by the Boards of Trade of the