

simplifying the law and greatly lessening the cost of its operation.

The growth of the North-West Territories renders expedient an improvement in the system of government and legislation affecting those portions of the Dominion, and a bill for that purpose will be laid before you.

A bill will be submitted to you to make a larger portion of the modern laws of England applicable to the Province of Manitoba and to the North-West Territories in regard to matters which are within the control of the Parliament of Canada but which have not as yet been made the subject of Canadian Legislation.

Among other measures, Bills will be presented to you relating to the Judiciary, to the Civil Service Act, and to the audit of the Public Accounts.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you as well as the estimates for the ensuing year. They have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I commend these important subjects and all matters affecting the public interests which may be brought before you to your best consideration, and I feel assured that you will address yourself to them with earnestness and assiduity.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

THE RAILWAYS ACT.

HON. MR. ABBOTT presented to the House a Bill intitled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The Bill was read the first time.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

THE SPEAKER reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

ORDERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE SENATE.

MOTION.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that all the Members present during this Session

be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p. m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, February 24th, 1888.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 3 p. m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

THE SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery notifying the Senate of the appointment of Richard Hardisty to the Senate.

HON. MR. HARDISTY was then introduced and having taken the oath prescribed by law and signed the roll, took his seat.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

HON. MR. ROSS (De la Durantaye) rose to move the adoption of the following resolution for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to his Speech from the Throne :—

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 Honorable Sir HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, Marquess of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks; Viscount Caln and Calnstone 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 Shel-