

will be submitted to us, and that among them will be Bills for the winding-up of Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies and Trading Corporations, for the consolidation and amendment of the laws respecting the Dominion Lands, for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Supreme Court of *Canada*, and Bills relating to the tenure of office of the Judges of County Courts, and to Fugitive Offenders within the Empire; and that our attention will be called to the present anomalous position of the Vice-Admiralty jurisdiction; and that all these measures, when submitted, shall receive our best attention.

That we receive with much satisfaction the information which His Excellency has afforded us respecting the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, and are glad to know,—

That the work of construction on that portion of the said railway between *Prince Arthur's Landing* and *Winnipeg* is being pressed to completion, and that it is confidently expected that in July next railway communication will be established between those places; that the section between *Rat Portage* and *Winnipeg*, one hundred and thirty-five miles in length, has been completed and transferred under the terms of the contract to the Canadian *Pacific* Railway Company, by whom it is now operated; that considerable progress has been made on the Eastern Section, commencing at *Callander* Station, and that the vigorous prosecution of the work on that portion of the line during the present year has been provided for:

That in *British Columbia* the work upon the section between *Savona's Ferry* and *Emory's Bar* is being carried on, with every prospect of its completion within the time specified in the contract, and that the line from the latter place to *Port Moody*, which has been carefully located during the past season, is now being placed under contract with a view to its completion at the same date as the section from *Savona's Ferry* to *Emory's Bar*:

That upon the sections to be constructed by the Railway Company, the work has been most energetically carried forward, that during the past summer the road has been graded for the distance of two hundred and eighteen miles, and that of this, one hundred and sixty-one miles are completed and open for traffic.

And that the Company have, in addition, graded eighty-nine miles of branch lines.

That we share the pleasure expressed by His Excellency in being able to state that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway has largely increased, and that this line was, during the last fiscal year, for the first time in its history, worked without loss to the country.

That we are glad to learn, that the works on the *Welland* Canal were so far advanced that the waters of *Lake Erie* were introduced for its supply in June last, and that in September the new portion of the canal between *Allanburg* and *Port Dalhousie* was opened for traffic.

That we are pleased to know that a monthly line of steamers, which has been subsidized under the authority of Parliament, is now plying between the Dominion and *Brazil*, with good hopes of a mutually profitable trade.

That we shall read with great interest the Report of a Royal Commission issued to inquire into the question of factory labor, and into the best means of promoting the comfort and well being of the workingman and his family, without undue interference with the development of our manufacturing industries, which His Excellency is pleased to say will be laid before us, and shall give it our most earnest consideration.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts of the last year will be laid before us: that it will be satisfactory to us to find that the Expenditure has been less and the Revenue considerably more than the Estimates of last year, leaving a surplus of over four millions of dollars: and that we thank His Excellency for informing us that a portion of this sum has been used in the reduction of the public debt by the redemption of matured debentures bearing six per cent. interest, and the remainder applied to the payment for public works chargeable to capital account; and that the necessity of issuing the Debenture Loan authorized by Parliament for those purposes has therefore been obviated.