

We regard the negotiation of a friendly Treaty with the *Crees* and *Sauteux* of the *North-West*, for the cession of the territory as a further guarantee for the continuation of amicable relations with the Indian tribes of that vast region.

We learn with much satisfaction that during the past summer Your Excellency had the pleasure and advantage of visiting a very large portion of the Province of *Ontario*, including the whole coast of the *Georgian Bay* and *Lake Superior*; that this official tour enabled Your Excellency to form a better idea of the great extent of the comparatively well-settled country and of that which is still almost wholly undeveloped; and that Your Excellency was everywhere received with the kindest welcome, and was much gratified in witnessing the enterprise, contentment, and loyalty manifested in every quarter.

We are gratified by the announcement that our attention will be invited to a measure for the creation of a Supreme Court; the necessity for such a measure having yearly become more and more apparent since the organization of the Dominion; it being essential to our system of jurisprudence and to the settlement of constitutional questions.

We are glad to be informed that we shall be invited to consider a bill relating to the important subject of Insolvency.

Our best attention will be given to any measures which may be submitted to us providing for the re-organization of the government of the *North-West* and the consolidation of the laws relating to that country; for a general Insurance law; and on the subject of Copyright.

It is gratifying to be informed that considerable progress has been made in the survey of the *Canada Pacific* Railway route, and that measures have been taken to secure the early construction of the *Georgian Bay* branch, and to provide a connection with the eastern railway system; and we feel satisfaction in learning that the report of the surveys of the road from *Lake Superior* to *Fort Garry*, which will be ready in a few days, will afford information upon which tenders may be invited for the construction of the eastern and western portions of that section, so as to reach the navigable waters of the interior.

We are gratified in sharing Your Excellency's belief that notwithstanding the general and wide-spread commercial depression which has prevailed over the continent, the trade of *Canada* is sound, and that the contraction we have experienced in some branches of industry for the past year has not been greater than might naturally have been anticipated.

We shall be glad to receive the papers to be submitted to us concerning the *North-West* troubles, and the negotiations between the Dominion Government and the Government of *British Columbia* on the subject of the *Pacific* Railway.

We learn with satisfaction that steps have been taken during the recess for a combination of efforts on the part of the several Provinces and the Dominion, to promote immigration from Europe under the general direction of the Dominion officials, and we share in the hope that the effect will be increased efficiency and economy in this Branch of the public service.

We assure Your Excellency that our best endeavors will be used to justify Your Excellency's expression of confidence in our prudence and ability, and in our patriotic devotion to the great public interests confided to us; and we join with Your Excellency in the prayer that the Divine blessing may rest upon our labours.

After Debate—

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was Resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* presented to the House the Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of *Canada* for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1874.