

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Session,

The Honorable Mr. *Pâquet* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

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 which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin* Vicount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye* of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *St. Patrick* and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

It is with much pleasure that we find Parliament again called together by Your Excellency to attend to the business of the country:

We are glad to know that since we last assembled it has been Your Excellency's happiness to visit the Mother Country, and to have had the opportunity while there of calling public attention to the remarkable progress of the Dominion, and of giving expression to the feelings of attachment to the person of Her Majesty, and the interests of the Empire which animate the Canadian people.

We agree with Your Excellency that the great depression which has prevailed throughout neighboring countries for several years, and which has more recently been felt in the Old World, causing a general stagnation of business, has extended to *Canada*, and has seriously affected our trade; but that, at the same time, we have reason to be grateful for an abundant harvest; and, while deeply regretting, with Your Excellency, the suffering which exists among certain classes and in particular localities, we concur with Your Excellency in believing, nevertheless, that the great bulk of our people continue to enjoy a condition of reasonable prosperity.

We reciprocate with pleasure Your Excellency's congratulations on the fact that the great railway undertaking, connecting the former Province of *Canada* with the Maritime Provinces, provided for by the Act of 1867, is approaching completion; and we thank Your Excellency for the information that, early in the coming summer, the small portion of the Intercolonial line not already in operation will be opened, when the connection with other systems of railway will be formed, so as to enable passengers and traffic to pass over continuous lines of railway from *Halifax* or *St. John* to the extreme Western railways of *Ontario*.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that the opening of the *Prince Edward Island* Railway during the past year marks an epoch in the history of that Island, and cannot but exert a beneficial influence on the people, and add to their material prosperity.