

stantly increasing complexity of the relations between the settlers and the aboriginal inhabitants, that every precaution should be taken for the protection of both. The country will not therefore hesitate to sanction such measures as may be deemed necessary to secure that result. The increase of the Mounted Police Force which has hitherto performed a most arduous service in a manner that is worthy of all praise, will meet with the cordial approval of the country.

While the progress made in the West has been so rapid, great strides have been made by the older Provinces in the development of industries within their limits. Capital, which is slow to respond to enterprise, having met with severe discouragement during a period of great depression, has gradually been brought to the aid of these industries and greatly extended them, giving profitable employment to thousands of our artisans who were forced to expatriate themselves under the less favorable conditions which had previously prevailed. Capital so employed has been fairly remunerative, without adding to the cost of the manufactured product. A judicious and well-considered Tariff, the practical effect of which has not been to increase the price to the consumer or to injure the revenue, has given a steady market within our own borders, and secured to the country the advantages of steady and continuous employment to our people, and has been largely advantageous to the agricultural producer, who cannot fail to reap his share of the general prosperity.

Among the most cheering evidences of the advancing prosperity of this country is the steady increase of business on the Intercolonial Railway. Although it was for a long time considered that the maintenance and operation of this railway would be a burden on our revenue, it is most satisfactory to learn that they are met by the receipts, and it is only reasonable to hope that there will soon be an excess of receipts over expenditure. These results speak for themselves and are an evidence of the ability and economy with which the road is managed.

The growing importance of the trade of the Dominion may be inferred by the information which we have before us, that a line of steamers has been established to ply between Dominion ports and ports of

the Brazilian Empire, from which we may hope for valuable results, and that the liberality of Parliament in granting a subsidy to the line will be fully rewarded.

A Commission to enquire into the needs and condition of the Civil Service was appointed several months ago. I was honored by being selected as its Chairman, and with the zealous and efficient aid of the gentlemen who were associated with me—to whom I beg to express in this public manner my sincerest thanks—an exhaustive investigation, extending over a considerable time, was made, the results of which have been embodied in reports which have been presented to the Government. It is gratifying that a measure will be submitted to Parliament in connection therewith.

Although not immediately within the province of this honorable House, before concluding my remarks I cannot refrain from saying that I notice with the greatest pleasure that the results of the fiscal policy inaugurated in the first session of this Parliament, have exceeded the most sanguine expectations in producing a large surplus of revenue amounting to over \$4,000,000, which has been judiciously applied to the reduction of the public debt by the redemption of matured debentures bearing 6 per cent., and the payment of public works chargeable to capital account—that therefore the necessity for issuing the loan authorized by Parliament has been obviated.

I now proceed to the duty of moving:—

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 Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc.

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.