

will, I am sure, give our Fishermen most valuable information and instruction as to the best means of improving and developing this important industry.

My Ministers have carefully considered the difficulties which surround the administration of the rights of the Dominion in its foreshores, harbors, lakes and rivers, and a measure will be submitted to you for removing uncertainty as to the respective rights of the Dominion and of the Provinces, and for preventing confusion in the titles thereto.

The report of the Royal Commission on Labor, which was laid before you during the last Session, has been distributed throughout the country. I have reason to believe that the information which it contains will be found eminently useful in suggesting improvements in the administration of the laws which affect the working classes. Measures for the amendment of those laws, so far as they come within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, will be submitted for your consideration.

The early termination of the Acts of Incorporation of the principal Banking institutions of the Dominion necessitates a review of our present system of Banking and an adjustment of the terms under which the Charters of these corporations should be renewed. Your attention will be drawn to this important subject.

Certain amendments to the Acts relating to the North-West Territories, calculated to facilitate the administration of affairs in that region, as also a Bill further to promote the efficiency of the North-West Mounted Police, will be submitted for your consideration.

Measures will be laid before you relating to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, to improve the laws respecting patents of invention and discovery, to amend the Adulteration Act, and the law respecting the Inland Revenue, to amend also the Act respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and to provide for the better organization of the National Printing Establishment.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you. It will be found that the Estimates of Revenue have been realized, and that after having fully provided for the various public services of the country, a substantial surplus will remain. The Estimates for next year have been framed with a due regard to the requirements of the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I commit these weighty matters, and all others which may come before you, to your earnest consideration, and I rely upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the happiness and prosperity of Canada.

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

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House that the Clerk had received a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and
The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the same be placed upon the Journal, and it is as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY, CANADA,
OTTAWA, 9th January, 1890.

This is to certify that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to summon to the Senate, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal, bearing date the fourteenth day of the month of September, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and