

stances has prevented the fulfilment of these expectations, and that the Company has not been able to obtain the required capital by a sale of its stock; and we respectfully concur with Your Excellency's opinion that the best means of preventing any delay in the great object of the early completion of the railway demands our earnest consideration.

We share the pleasure with which Your Excellency is able to state that the operation of that portion of the railway already opened affords the most gratifying evidence of its soundness as a commercial enterprise and of its great value to *Canada*.

It gratifies us to know that the large increase of the volume of traffic on the Intercolonial Railway over that of any previous year, without involving any burden upon the country, is, as Your Excellency is pleased to observe, a satisfactory proof of the continued development of trade between the eastern and western portions of the Dominion.

The provisional arrangement made with the Government of *Nova Scotia* for the retention of the Pictou Branch and the acquisition of the Eastern Extension Railway to the Strait of *Canso*, which Your Excellency has stated will be submitted for our approval, shall be carefully considered by us.

Your Excellency may rest assured that we will devote ourselves with earnestness and assiduity to the consideration of the subjects Your Excellency has mentioned, and to all matters affecting the public interests that may be brought before us.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 22nd January, 1884.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *WILLIAM MILLER*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Almon,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Robitaille,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargean</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>McKinsey,</i>	<i>Sked,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>McMillan,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Boucherville, de,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbelle,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Northwood,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
(Sir <i>Alexander</i>),	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carvell,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Plumb,</i>	<i>Wark.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lecnard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

PRAYERS :