

taken by the passing of the Act providing for it a form of government predicated upon its present requirements, and framed to meet the exigencies of the near future, by calling into existence representative institutions whenever sufficient population shall have been found for the exercise of the functions of self-government.

The Postal Service Act will by its liberal provisions and the removal of hindrances to free communication by mail tend greatly to the public convenience.

In like manner, much advantage may be expected to result from the passing of the Act respecting Ocean Telegraphy, preventing monopoly, and giving freedom of access to our shores to all Marine Telegraph Companies.

The Copyrights Act has been passed to protect the rights of authors and artists who may desire to avail themselves of its provisions, and to facilitate arrangements for the publication in Canada of the works of writers residing in other countries.

By the Insurance Act greater security has been given to the insured, by the adoption of an effective system of inspection.

The Act relating to Penitentiaries has brought these institutions more immediately under the direction and control of the Government ; and the system of administration and inspection has been simplified and cheapened.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the Supplies you have granted. They will enable my Government to prosecute the great public works to which the country has been committed, and will, I doubt not, contribute largely to the development of our resources, the growth of our commerce, and the extension into the interior of settlements of hardy and industrious pioneers.

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,*

I congratulate you on the adoption of many measures, in addition to those enumerated, calculated to add to the public comfort and prosperity, to increase the stability of our institutions, and to promote confidence and good will among the different classes of our people. They, I doubt not, will be found to appreciate your labors to these ends ; and I trust that on their part, they will above all things cultivate an unselfish love of country and devotion to the general good.