

The products and manufactures of Canada shown at the recent International Exhibition held in the City of Milan proved a great attraction, and as a result it is confidently believed our trade with central and southern Europe can be materially increased.

The Naval authorities having relinquished the use of the Dockyard at Halifax, a proposal was made to transfer it to the Government of Canada. The offer has been accepted and the Dockyard will now be used by the Department of Marine and Fisheries as a base for its operations in connection with aids to navigation.

Many immigrants having in recent years been induced to come to Canada by false representations made in the United Kingdom, at the request of the Minister of Labour a clause has been added to the Merchants Shipping Bill, now before the Imperial Parliament, for the punishment of any person who may be found guilty of that offence.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue has shown a large expansion, and has not only provided for ordinary expenditure, but has also, to a great extent, provided for the outlay on capital account.

The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

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A united application having been received by my ministers from the Governments of the several provinces asking for an increase in the provincial subsidies, a conference was recently held when the reasons for granting additional aid were fully set forth and discussed. Resolutions, based on the conclusions reached by my Government, will be submitted for your consideration.

Bills will be laid before you amending the Election Acts, the Post Office Act, the Dominion Lands Act, a Bill for the more effective supervision and inspection of Canadian canned food products, meats and fish, a Bill relating to the sale and manufacture of patent medicines; and also a Bill to make better provision for dealing with juvenile delinquents.

It is hoped that the report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the working of Insurance Companies will shortly be completed, when it will be laid on the Table.

The subjects I have mentioned will, I hope, receive your best consideration, and the measures to be submitted for your approval will, I trust, tend to the well-being and good government of our fair Dominion.

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

After some time the Senate was resumed.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate a Bill intitled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read a first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of His Excellency's Speech has been left in his hands.

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright, it was