

Sheriff of the County of *Kings*, as Returning Officer for the Electoral District of *Kings*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District in the House of Commons of *Canada*, in the present Parliament, in the room of *George E. Foster*, whose election hath been declared void; *George E. Foster*, of *Apohaqui*, Gentleman, has been duly returned as such representative, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, deposited of Record in my office.

R. POPE, [L.S.]

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

To *J. G. Bourinot*, Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons of *Canada*.

Ordered, That Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It is my pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate you on the auspicious circumstances under which you will begin your labours.

Canada is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and all her industries, agricultural, manufacturing and commercial, are in a healthy and improving condition.

Following the example of my distinguished predecessor, I paid a visit of some length to *British Columbia* last season. The great natural resources of that Province promise that as soon as the *Pacific* Railway is completed, an impulse to its prosperity, commensurate with the progress made elsewhere, will be assured. Meanwhile, the disposal of the lands set aside in aid of the Railway to actual settlers will add to the importance and wealth of the Province.

While passing through the *United States* I was rejoiced to observe many evidences of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion. May this friendship, which is so fully returned by us, be as enduring as it is natural and advantageous to the mutual interests of both great nations.

The steady flow of settlers into *Manitoba* and the *North-West* Territories last year, and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and salubrious regions.

It is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended, and the electoral franchises existing in the several Provinces assimilated. A measure for this purpose will be submitted for your consideration.

I am advised that the Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, delivered last June on the appeal of *Russell versus* the Queen, goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary. Your earnest consideration of this important subject is desired.

Your attention is specially invited to a measure regulating Factory Labour and the protection of the workingman and his family.

Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Customs, the Militia, and the Public Lands, will be laid before you.