

An Act to incorporate the Thompson River Improvement Company.

An Act respecting the West Canadian Collieries, Limited.

An Act to amend the Representation Act, 1903.

An Act to amend the Bank Act.

An Act respecting certain patents of the Canadian Office and School Furniture Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the Pacific Bank of Canada.

An Act respecting an Arbitration between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

An Act to amend the Fisheries Act.

An Act respecting the Inspection of Grain.

An Act to amend the General Inspection Act.

An Act respecting the payment of certain Railway Subsidies.

An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900.

An Act to amend chapter 68 of the statutes of 1903, respecting the bounties on Steel and Iron.

An Act to amend the Railway Act, 1903.

An Act to provide for the payment of a bounty on Crude Petroleum from Canadian Wells.

An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, 1903.

An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act.

An Act to further amend the Act providing for the payment of bounties on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada.

An Act respecting the Canadian assessment-policy-holders in the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company.

An Act to amend the Land Titles Act, 1894.

An Act to further amend the Inland Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Customs Act.

An Act authorizing the government of Canada to purchase the Canada Eastern Railway and to take possession of the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Railway Bridge.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1897.

An Act to amend the Post Office Act.

An Act respecting the Militia and Defence of Canada.

An Act to amend the Companies Act.

An Act to authorize the granting of Subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the present session and intitled: 'An Act to further amend the Act providing for the payment of bounties on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada.'

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Commons of Canada have voted the Supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1904, and the 30th June, 1905.

To which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:—

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Dominion with the following

SPEECH

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I am glad to relieve you from further attendance in parliament after a session that has been protracted to a longer period than I had anticipated when addressing you on the eleventh of last March.

The terms and conditions upon which the National Transcontinental Railway will be built and operated having been finally adjusted and agreed upon, the work of construction will proceed as rapidly as the surveys of the line and the location of the road will permit.

The consensus of opinion expressed on the changes in the tariff affords very gratifying evidence that the alterations have met with general approval.

The arrangements made by my ministers with the government of Mexico for line of steamers between that republic and Canada on the Atlantic and Pacific will, I hope, add materially to our foreign trade.

The steadily increasing revenue has amply justified the liberal aid granted towards the improvement of our rivers and harbours and the construction of other public works materially benefiting the trade and commerce of our country.

The changes made in the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of Canada, providing for the increased strength and efficiency of the force will, I do not doubt, meet with general approval.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the public service.