

and further to assure His Excellency that we feel with His Excellency, that the hope he expressed at the close of the last Session, that on the re-assembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized :

That *Canada* has been favored with a year of great prosperity :

That her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices :

That her manufacturing and other industries have been and continue to be developed under favorable auspices :

That her trade and commerce have been steadily increasing, and peace and order prevail within her borders.

And that for these various blessings we cannot be sufficiently thankful to the Giver of all good things :

That the Chief Magistrate of the *United States* having been cut off by the hand of an assassin, we feel that it is fitting that the sorrow of our people for a loss which was not that of our friends and neighbors alone, should be adverted to by His Excellency as another instance of the sympathy which unites in brotherhood the British Empire and the American Republic.

That we learn with great satisfaction that during the recess His Excellency had the pleasure of visiting the Province of *Manitoba*, and of traversing the extensive prairies of the *North-West*, and is able, from personal examination, sincerely to congratulate *Canada* on the possession of so magnificent and fertile a region, to be inhabited, we trust, in the course of years, by millions of thriving and contented subjects of Her Majesty.

That we recognize the fact that the immigrants have not confined themselves to *Manitoba* or its vicinity, but are scattered over the country westward to the base of the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the International Boundary to the banks of the Northern *Saskatchewan*; that we agree with His Excellency in thinking that the time has come for the division of the Territories into four or more Provisional Districts with an appropriate nomenclature; and that this subject, when submitted to us by His Excellency, will receive our attentive consideration.

That we are pleased to learn from His Excellency that during his journey he was met by numerous Indian tribes, all expressing confidence in the continuance of the traditional policy of kindness and justice which has hitherto governed the relations between the Government and the Aborigines, while we share His Excellency's regret that the necessity of supplementing the food supply of the Indians still exists and is likely to continue for some years.

That we are happy to know that every exertion has been made to settle the Indian Bands on Reserves, and to induce them to betake themselves to the raising of cattle and cultivating the soil, and that these efforts have met with a fair measure of success; but we are aware that we can only expect, by a long continuance of patient firmness, to induce these children of the prairie and the forest to abandon their nomadic habits, become self-supporting, and ultimately add to the industrial wealth of the country, and that the influx of a white population has greatly increased the danger of collision between the settler and Red man; that we observe that His Excellency is of opinion, that an augmentation of the Mounted Police has been rendered a matter of urgency, and that our attention shall be given to the sanction of such increase as His Excellency may think it necessary to seek.

That we learn with satisfaction that the second Report of the Commission appointed to investigate the existing system of the Civil Service will be laid before us; and that any measure on the subject submitted to us shall receive our willing consideration.

That we are aware that the decennial Census having been taken last year, the duty of reconsidering and readjusting the representation in the House of Commons is imposed upon us, and we will carefully consider any measure for the purpose which may be laid before us.

That we learn with much interest that several other measures of importance