

The larger appropriations made for the furtherance of railway construction may be expected to assist materially in the development of our commerce, both foreign and domestic, as well as to open up for settlement extensive fertile districts hitherto almost inaccessible.

The several measures for the benefit of the Indian communities and for their encouragement to assume the responsibilities of self-government are well adapted for the purpose, and the amendments of the law relating to the Dominion lands will give additional facilities and advantages to settlers in the North-West Territories.

The re-adjustment of the annual subsidies to the several Provinces, while adding to their resources, will place their pecuniary relations with the Dominion on a satisfactory and permanent basis.

The several important measures which occupied your attention, and will now become law, must all tend to the benefit and improvement of the country, and the numerous Private Bills with industrial objects, submitted to me, indicate the existence of a healthy spirit of enterprise among our people.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the supplies you have granted for the Public Service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In bidding you now farewell until next Session, I trust that when we next meet I may be able to congratulate you on the continuing prosperity of our country.

The *Parliament* of the *Dominion of Canada* was then prorogued to *Thursday* the 29th *May*, next.

GEORGE A. KIRKPATRICK,

*Speaker.*