

ing grants of land to members of the Militia Force on active service in the North-West.

An Act to authorize the construction of a railway from the Straits of Canso to Louisburg or Sydney, as a Public Work

An Act respecting certain subsidies for a railway from Metapediac on the Intercolonial Railway to Paspebiac.

An Act respecting The Northern and Pacific Junction Railway Company.

An Act respecting Real Property in the Territories.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Electoral Franchise and the Dominion Electoral Franchise and the Dominion Elections Act, 1874.

An Act respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery.

An Act to authorize the granting of certain Subsidies for, and in aid of the construction of the lines of Railway therein mentioned.

An Act to authorize the grant of certain Subsidies in Land for the construction of the Railways therein mentioned.

An Act further to amend the Acts relating to Duties of Customs and the importation or exportation of goods into or from Canada.

An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of certain substitutes for Butter.

An Act respecting the bounty on Pig Iron manufactured in Canada from Canadian Ore.

His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to reserve the following bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon :

An Act further to amend the Act respecting Fishing by Foreign Vessels.

Then the Honorable 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 Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1886, and the 30th June, 1887, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.' To which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency's assent

To this Bill the Royal assent was signified in the following words :—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor-General thanks Her 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 FIFTH PARLIAMENT of the DOMINION with the following

SPEECH :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I desire to convey to you my best thanks

for the earnestness and assiduity with which you have performed your important duties.

The legislation of the Session has been of an eminently practical character, and cannot fail to aid in the promotion of the material progress of the country.

The grant of representation in the House of Commons to the North-West Territories will, if sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament (of which there is no reason to doubt), give the people of that vast region an interest and voice in the affairs of the Dominion, and enable them to lay the wants and requirements of their young country, with authority, before the great council of the nation.

You have at the same time conferred upon them boons of an efficient judicial system and a speedy and inexpensive mode for the transfer of property in land.

The measure for the establishment of a Central Experimental Farm, with auxiliary stations for the Provinces, will be greatly appreciated by our agricultural population.

I congratulate you heartily on the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and on the repayment in money and land of the advances made in its aid from the public Treasury.

The future prosperity of this great enterprise and the consequent advantage to the best interests of the Dominion I now consider as fully assured.

The appropriations in aid of various railways will tend largely to increase the trade and develop the resources of the districts traversed by them, and I am especially pleased to know that by the provision made for the construction of a Railway through Cape Breton, that historical Island will at last be brought into connection with the Railway System of Canada.

Among the many useful measures you have passed may especially be noticed the amendments of the Franchise Act, rendering its working more simple and less expensive; the Consolidation of the Statutes; the arrangement for the organization of a better and more economical system of Parliamentary and Departmental Printing; and the amendment of the Dominion Lands Act.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the supplies you have granted for the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen :

In bidding you farewell until next year I rejoice to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the country and the good promise of a plentiful harvest.

The SPEAKER of the Senate then said :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the twelfth day of July next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the twelfth day of July next.