

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—Of the *Stadacona* Fire and Life Insurance Company.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Session,

The Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency, for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice with Your Excellency that in again summoning us for the despatch of business, Your Excellency is able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

We are glad that Your Excellency had an opportunity before your departure from *Canada* of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit Your Excellency accomplished during last Autumn. Your Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of your government of *Canada*.

We are happy to be informed that the arbitration on the Fishery Claims, under the terms of the *Washington* Treaty, has been concluded, and that an award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present treaty. Though this amount is much less than that claimed by Your Excellency's Government, we agree with Your Excellency that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

We rejoice to know that the exhibition of Canadian manufactures and products at *Sydney*, *New South Wales*, was successfully carried out. We trust that the result will be the opening up of a new market for Canadian goods even in so remote a region as the Australasian colonies, shipments of Canadian productions having already been made. Though the expenditure may exceed the estimate, we doubt not the cost to *Canada* will be amply repaid by the extension of her trade.

It gives us great pleasure to learn that preparations have been uninterruptedly carried on, during the last six months, for securing an ample but select exhibition of *Canada's* products and manufactures at the great exhibition to be held at *Paris* during the current year. We are prepared to concur in any further grant that may be required to meet the expenditure. That His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as Chairman of the British Commissioners, has assigned a prominent place to *Canada* in one of the main Towers, where a Canadian Trophy is now being erected, we are also very glad to hear.

We regret to know that a very disastrous fire occurred in June last in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the City, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government. Your Excellency's Government having deemed it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate