

An Act to incorporate the Columbia Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An Act to incorporate the Mather Bridge and Power Company.

An Act respecting the South Shore Railway Company.

An Act to amend the North-west Territories Representation Act by dispensing with the preparation of the new voters' lists in certain cases.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons.

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

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to the 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 certain 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 granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial year ending 30th June, 1897, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service" 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 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 First Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Dominion with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am glad to be able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament.

I am happy to repeat the assurance already given, that I have every expectation that an amicable settlement of the Manitoba school question will shortly be arrived at.

In conformity with the statement made to you at the commencement of the session it was not considered advisable to submit any important measures of legislation for your consideration.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I have to thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the service of the current year.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Saturday, the seventh day of November next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Saturday, the seventh day of November next.