

I am pleased to be able to inform you that there are now good hopes of our being able to place the naturalization of German settlers on a more satisfactory footing. A measure will be submitted, with all the papers connected with the matter, for your consideration.

Your best attention will, I am sure, be given to the subjects I have mentioned, as well as to everything that affects the well-being and good government of the Dominion.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by Sir *Leonard Tilley*,
Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Langevin*,
Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Immigration and Colonization, which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library of Parliament. (*Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 10th December, 1880.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. *Gault*,—The Petition of *Andrew Allan* and others, of *Montreal* and *Toronto*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Beaty* moved, seconded by Mr. *Vanasse*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Excellency that we receive with great pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the bountiful harvest with which *Canada* has been blessed, as well as on the undoubted return of her commercial prosperity, and the substantial development of her various industries.

That we learn with much interest that during the recess His Excellency's advisers thought the time opportune for making another attempt to carry out the declared preference of Parliament for the construction and operation of the *Canadian Pacific Railway* by means of an Incorporated Company, aided by grants of money and land