

early development of those fertile and salubrious regions.

We humbly agree with Your Excellency that it is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended, and the electoral franchises existing in the several provinces assimilated, and we assure Your Excellency that our most careful attention will be given to the measure for this purpose, which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us will be submitted for our consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that you have been advised that the Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered last June on the appeal of *Russell vs. the Queen* goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licences, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary. In compliance with Your Excellency's desire, our earnest consideration shall be given to this important subject.

Our best attention, Your Excellency may be assured, will be given to any measure regulating Factory Labour and the protection of the workman and his family which may be submitted to us, and also to the Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Customs, the Militia and Public Lands, which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be laid before us.

It affords us pleasure to learn that among other measures Bills will be presented to us respecting the Civil Service, the Acts relating to Banking, and the examination of Master and Mates of vessels navigating our inland waters.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that we share the gladness with which your Excellency has been able to inform us that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been unprecedented, and that traffic can now be carried on the main line from Thunder Bay to within fifty miles of the crossing of the South Saskatchewan, a distance of over one thousand miles. We also rejoice to know that it is confidently expected that the Rocky Mountains will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made on the Lake Superior Section of the Railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in British Columbia.

We participate in the pleasure Your Excellency

also has in stating that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favour of the road shows a gratifying increase.

We agree with Your Excellency that the subjects you have mentioned to us are of much importance, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that they shall receive our most careful consideration, and we thank Your Excellency for the confidence which you have been so graciously pleased to express in our discretion and patriotism.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—I rise to second the adoption of the address in reply to His Excellency's speech to the Senate and Commons of our Dominion. The duty is cast upon me, not by reason of any ability of mine, but by virtue of a prevailing usage, that from the most recently appointed members of your ancient and honorable House should be taken the mover and seconder. The clear and exhaustive speech of the Hon. Senator from the Gulf Division who moved the Address, makes my work in seconding it very light. Yet when I hear His Excellency's congratulations on the auspicious circumstances under which the present Parliament of the people of Canada commences its labors, so cordially expressed towards the people of Canada in the introduction of the address, I cannot but, and I do, invoke the reciprocal sentiments of the entire Canadian people.

Of the exactness, accuracy and feasibility of this exposition, this graphic picture, no intelligent citizen of Canada, free from prejudice, can doubt. It is such a happy condition of things as perhaps at this moment no other country in the world enjoys. Canada! our home, is indeed to-day, under the blessings of a kind Providence and the fostering care and patriotic efforts of her gifted sons, a land of peace and plenty. "*Esto perpetua.*"

In 1881, His Excellency made an arduous journey of exploration through the fertile plains of the great North West. He had read and heard reports of its boundless extent, its great fertility. He, like Columbus, made up his mind "to see the land." The knowledge thus acquired by personal investigation cannot fail, on being disseminated, to allay prejudices and to be of inestimable service to Canada.

HON. MR. ROBITAILLE.