

PRAYERS.

His Honour the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication from the Governor General's Secretary :—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 18th March, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to the San Jose Scale Bill, which has passed the Senate and House of Commons during the present Session.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID ERSKINE,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen ; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland ; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom ; Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House,—“It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who, being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Title of the Bill to be passed, as follows :—

“An Act to protect Canada against the introduction of the insect pest known as the San Jose Scale.”

To this Bill 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 this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

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

By the Honourable Mr. MacKeen,—Of George H. Perley and others.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of the Municipality of Miniota, in the Province of Manitoba ; praying that the North-west Central Railway Company may be compelled to comply with the conditions of their charter, and extend their line of railway without further delay.

The Honourable Mr. Lougheed moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Perley,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General ; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, a Return of all dredging leases made by the Government during the last eighteen months on the Saskatchewan River and its branches, also particulars of the parties to whom made, the rental to be paid and the amount paid, the extent of work, if any, done under same, together with the official reports, if any, which induced the Government to grant said leases upon the terms contained therein.