

Should the negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States for the appointment of a Joint Commission to adjust what is known as "The Fishery Question" and to consider the best means of developing our International Commerce, fail to secure any satisfactory result, you will be asked to make provision for the protection of our inshore Fisheries by the extension of our present system of Marine Police.

The measure submitted to you last Session for the consolidation of the Statutes and for the introduction into the North-West Territories of a more simple and economical system for the transfer of land will be again laid before you for consideration and legislative action. The Acts of last Session will be found to be included in the first of those measures.

You will also be asked to consider the expediency of improving the judiciary system which obtains in those Territories.

Your attention will be invited to the propriety of amending the law relating to the business of the office of Queen's Printer and of providing for the more satisfactory working of the present system of Government and Parliamentary printing.

A numerical census of the North-West Territories has been taken and a measure based thereon for the representation of the people in Parliament will be laid before you.

Other measures will be laid before you, and among them will be found Bills for providing for a better mode of trial of claims against the Crown, for regulating Post Office Savings Banks in British Columbia and the North-West Territories, for expediting the issue of patents for Indian Lands, for the administration of the rights of the Crown in the foreshores of the Dominion, for the establishment of an Experimental Farm, and for the amendment of the Chinese Immigration Act.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you. You will find that the estimate of receipts has been fully realized, but I regret to say that the outbreak in the North-West has added largely to the expenditure of the country.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you. They have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I commend these several subjects and the others which may engage your attention to your best consideration, and I earnestly trust that the result of your deliberations may, under the Divine Blessing, conduce to the advancement and prosperity of Canada.

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

The Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell presented to the House, a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.