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His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

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Fredericton, Thursday, 24th February, 1853.

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**T**HE House having been by Proclamation prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business; and being met—

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended, and being returned—

The Honorable Mr. Gray moved for leave to bring in a Bill in addition to and in amendment of the Laws relating to the granting of Patents for useful inventions.

Leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker then reported, that when in attendance upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, and is as follows:—

*“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

**“ I** HAVE much pleasure in informing you that the Railway Bills passed by you in the last Session, have received the sanction of the Queen. Nothing has occurred to change my opinion as to the policy which you have pursued, or to shake my faith in the advantage to be derived from great Public Works of this character. In the Despatches which will be laid before you, you will find certain remarks on the Bills themselves, to which I solicit your attention. It is possible too that some measures may be taken by you for the purpose of encouraging and regulating Immigration in connection with these enterprises.

“ You may deem it expedient in your present Session to consider the general management of the Roads throughout the Province. Looking to the large outlay of public money which now takes place in this department, I see great reason to doubt whether the present mode of administering it is the best which can be adopted.

“ Your wisdom may possibly devise some amendment in the present Law for regulating the election of Members of the Assembly, and for trying the validity of the Return made by the Sheriff; at any rate it is my duty to bring the subject under your notice.

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