

whole subject of Chinese Immigration with reference to its trade relations, as well as to those social and moral objections which have been taken to the influx of the Chinese people into Canada; and that the Report of the Commissioners is very nearly completed, and will be laid before us during the present Session.

We hear with interest that the necessity of encouraging the speedy construction of lines of railway through the North-West Territories has pressed itself on Your Excellency's Government, and that we will be asked to aid railway enterprise by liberal grants of land.

We thank Your Excellency for inviting our attention to the urgent representations which have been made by the Boards of Trade of the chief towns in Canada, as well as by some of the Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain, of the necessity that exists for the adoption of some system of Bankruptcy or Insolvency giving adequate protection against undue preferences; and we beg to assure Your Excellency that this important subject shall receive our earnest consideration.

We also thank Your Excellency for informing us that, in pursuance of the vote of last Session, Your Excellency caused a vessel to be fitted out and dispatched to Davis' Straits and Hudson's Bay, in order to obtain more accurate information as to the navigation of those waters, and to test the practicability of the route for commercial purposes; and that a report of the progress of the expedition will be laid before us.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that, as an International Exhibition will be opened at Antwerp during the present year, and as a Colonial and Indian Exhibition is to be held in London in 1886, Canada should be represented in her various manufactures and natural productions on both occasions. The best means of aiding in these important objects shall not fail to receive the consideration Your Excellency has been pleased to invoke from us.

It affords us pleasure to learn that several other measures of importance will be submitted to us; and that among them will be Bills to amend the Insurance Act of 1877, the Civil Service Act, and the law relating to contagious diseases among cattle, as well as measures for taking at an early period a census of the population of the North-West Territories, and one relating to the North-West Mounted Police.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the subjects Your Excellency has mentioned, as well as to every matter which may affect the prosperity and good government of Canada.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

The Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, Minister of Justice, presented to the House,—The Report of the Minister of Justice as to Penitentiaries in Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1884.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15*)

The Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, Minister of Justice, presented to the House,—A Return from the Commissioner of the Dominion Police, for the year 1884.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 18*)

The Honorable Sir David Lewis Macpherson, Minister of the Interior, presented to the House,—The Annual Report of the Department of the Interior, for the year 1884.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13*)