

the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to which I humbly invite Your Excellency's assent.

To the said Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :

"His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in Her Majesty's name."

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;  
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

I congratulate you on having closed the business of this lengthened Session, and I am happy to find that the subjects which I recommended to your consideration have received attention at your hands.

The Act abolishing imprisonment for Debt in certain cases, and preventing preferential assignments in *Upper Canada*, will, so far as it goes, tend to assimilate the Laws of the two sections of the Province, and must, I think, be beneficial in its operation.

The Jury Laws, and the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*, have, in like manner, been dealt with by you, and measures have been adopted for diminishing the cost, and facilitating the administration of Criminal Justice in *Lower Canada*.

In my speech, at the opening of the present Session, I adverted to the expediency of providing for the registration and protection of persons qualified to vote at the election of members of the Legislature. I rejoice to find that a Bill on this important subject has been passed by you.

I trust that the Act relating the Fisheries will succeed in encouraging this branch of industry.

Our steam communication with *Europe* has continued to work successfully, and I have little doubt that you have done well in providing for a regular mail service by steam during the season, to *Gaspé* and the Lower Provinces. The appropriation for establishing a postal line to the *Red River*, will open a continuous mail route, under the control of the Canadian Government, from that settlement to *Nova Scotia*.

Another link in our Railways has been completed by the opening of the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Line. Everything which tends to increase the commerce of the Lakes is, in my opinion, of great importance.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

I am glad to find that our Customs' Tariff has undergone your revision, I hope