

While the system of making free grants to actual settlers will be maintained in its integrity, the lands reserved for sale by the Crown will, it is believed, be disposed of at prices sufficient eventually, to repay the whole of the expenditure of money by the Dominion on the construction of the Railway.

The extension of the Boundaries of *Manitoba* will confer the privilege of Local self-government on the people already resident in, or who may hereafter occupy, the area now added to the Province, and by enabling the Legislature to establish Municipal Institutions in its enlarged limits, tend greatly to add to the welfare of that interesting region.

The amendment of the Naturalization Laws will, I trust, have the effect of removing the disadvantages under which emigrants from *Europe* have hitherto laboured, and of attracting a large influx of population from the Old World.

The consolidation and amendment of the General Railway Acts, and of the Laws relating to Government Railways has improved and systematized our Railway Legislation.

I am pleased to observe that you have not been forgetful of the interests of the Indian population of the *North West*. It is greatly to be hoped that the efforts to induce them to forsake their nomadic habits and betake themselves to pastoral and agricultural pursuits will be successful. By no other means can their civilization be promoted, the Indians themselves rendered self-reliant and self-supporting, and the Dominion Treasury relieved of the burden of rescuing them from their apparently chronic state of destitution.

The extension of our Telegraphic system by Cable in the River and Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, will aid the fisheries and the commerce of *Canada* and increase the safety of its waters.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In Her Majesty's name, I thank you for the supplies you have so readily granted, and heartily congratulate you on the improved condition of the Revenue.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I bid you now farewell, and trust that when Parliament re-assembles we shall be able to congratulate ourselves on *Canada*, having meanwhile, enjoyed a season of peace and prosperity.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said,

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday the second day of May next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the second day of May next.