

an augmentation of the Mounted Police has been rendered a matter of urgency, and that our attention shall be given to the sanction of such increase as His Excellency may think it necessary to seek.

12. That we learn with satisfaction that the second Report of the Commission appointed to investigate the existing system of the Civil Service will be laid before us; and that any measure on the subject submitted to us shall receive our willing consideration.

13. That we are aware that the decennial Census having been taken last year, the duty of reconsidering and readjusting the representation in the House of Commons is imposed upon us, and we will carefully consider any measure for the purpose which may be laid before us.

14. That we learn with much interest that several other measures of importance will be submitted to us, and that among them will be Bills for the winding-up of Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies and Trading Corporations, for the consolidation and amendment of the Laws respecting the Dominion Lands, for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Supreme Court of Canada, and Bills relating to the tenure of office of the Judges of County Courts, and to Fugitive Offenders within the Empire; and that our attention will be called to the present anomalous position of the Vice-Admiralty jurisdiction; and that all these measures, when submitted, shall receive our best attention.

15. That we receive with much satisfaction the information which His Excellency has afforded us respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and are glad to know,—

16. That the work of construction on that portion of the said railway between Prince Arthur's Landing and Winnipeg is being pressed to completion, and that it is confidently expected that in July next railway communication will be established between those places; that the section between Rat Portage and Winnipeg, one hundred and thirty-five miles in length, has been completed and transferred under the terms of the contract to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by whom it is now operated; that considerable progress has been made on the Eastern Section, commencing at Callander Station, and that the vigorous prosecution of the work on that portion of the line during the present year has been provided for:

17. That in British Columbia the work upon the section between Savona's Ferry and Emory's Bar is being carried on, with every prospect of its completion within the time specified in the contract, and that the line from the latter place to Port Moody, which has been carefully located during the past season, is now being placed under contract with a view to its completion at the same date as the section from Savona's Ferry to Emory's Bar.

18. That upon the sections to be constructed by the Railway Company, the work has been most energetically carried forward. That during the past summer the road has been graded for the distance of two hundred and eighteen miles, and that of this, one hundred and sixty-one miles are completed and open for traffic.

19. And that the Company have, in addition, graded eighty-nine miles of branch lines.

20. That we share the pleasure expressed by His Excellency in being able to state that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway has largely increased, and that this line was during the last fiscal year, for the first time in its history, worked without loss to the country.

21. That we are glad to learn that the works on the Welland Canal were so far advanced that the waters of Lake Erie were introduced for its supply in June last, and that in September the new portion of the Canal between Allanburg and Port Dalhousie was opened for traffic.

22. That we are pleased to know that a monthly line of steamers which has been subsidized under the authority of Parliament, is now plying between the Dominion and Brazil with good hopes of a mutually profitable trade.

23. That we shall read with great interest the Report of a Royal Commission issued to inquire into the question of factory labor, and into the best means of promoting the comfort and well being of the workman and his family, without undue interference with the development of our manufacturing industries, which His Excellency is pleased to say will be laid before us, and shall give it our most earnest consideration.

24. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts of the last year will be laid before us: That it will be satisfactory to us to find that the Expenditure has been less and the Revenue considerably more than the Estimates of last year, leaving a surplus of over four millions of dollars: and that we thank His Excellency for informing us that a portion of this sum has been used in the reduction of the public debt by the redemption of matured debentures bearing six per cent. interest, and the remainder applied to the payment for public works chargeable to capital account; and that the necessity of issuing the Debenture Loan authorized by Parliament for those purposes has therefore been obviated.

25. That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year which will also be submitted, and which will, we trust, be found to have been framed with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public service.

26. That His Excellency may rest assured that we shall give our best attention to the several subjects mentioned by him, and to the general business which will come before us, and that we thank His Excellency for the expression of his full confidence in our patriotic desire and our ability to forward the best interests of the country.

Mr. BERGERON.

Mr. GUILLET. Mr. Speaker, I crave the indulgence and sympathy of the House, as a young member quite inexperienced in parliamentary affairs, in discharging the important duty of seconding the Resolution in reply to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne. Before proceeding to the consideration of the Resolution so ably moved by the hon. member for Beauharnois, I desire to express my sense of the general pleasure and satisfaction that His Excellency has safely encountered the perils and discomfort of a winter voyage across the Atlantic, and resumed the most exalted functions of the government of the Dominion which he has heretofore discharged with such distinguished ability and success. It is a matter of deep regret to the House and country that the impaired health of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise still detains her from the social circles of our governmental life which she has so brilliantly adorned. That she may soon recover her wonted health is the earnest aspiration of every patriotic heart. I am sure I may say, Mr. Speaker, that we unitedly rejoice with His Excellency that the hopes expressed at the close of last Session have been so fully realized, and join with him in acknowledging our obligations of gratitude to the Almighty for vouchsafing to this great Dominion the manifold mercies and blessings which have so abundantly crowned the past year. He has, indeed, "given us all things richly to enjoy." His kind Providence has smiled upon the labors of the husbandman. He has filled their barns with plenty and their hearts with gladness, and has blessed with prosperity and increase all the varied industries and interests of our country. We have peace in all our borders, and order, harmony and contentment among all classes of our citizens. We have been spared the visitation of pest and plague, "the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day." We, indeed, cannot be sufficiently thankful to the bountiful Giver of all good. I am sure the House and country will sincerely reiterate the appropriate expressions of sympathy with the people of the United States in the assassination of President Garfield. His was a character conspicuous for its Christian virtues and exalted patriotism. The extended tour made by His Excellency through the North-West, attended by much privation, fatigue and danger, has added to the many obligations we are under to His Excellency, for the warm personal interest he exhibits in our Canadian institutions and enterprises, and for the constancy and devotion he manifests within and beyond his large and elevated sphere of duty in promoting the welfare of our country and advocating her interests and claims. His visit to the North-West has been the means of publishing far and wide its great resources and superior advantages for settlement. He has proved, if I may take the liberty of using the term, an immigration agent of inestimable value. There is one feature of this subject which, to many like myself, is of a more sympathetic and amiable nature: that is the effort put forth by His Excellency, when at home, to induce marriageable young women to emigrate to Canada. On behalf of those of our countrymen who are deprived of domestic comfort and happiness, owing to the scarcity of that element in our population, I return grateful thanks. Doubtless, in the near future, in many happy homes the children will rise up and call him blessed. Referring to the subject of immigration, it is worthy of notice that there is now no outcry from the people against immigration efforts and expenditure. For two or three years previous to the adoption of the National Policy many amongst the people felt aggrieved that the revenues of the country should be appropriated to add to the number of those who were seeking in vain for employment, and intensifying the difficulties and privations of those partially employed. The formation of the Territories into four provisional districts will greatly facilitate the arrangements for the settlement of the North-West, promote the good government