

The Parliament of Canada was opened on Thursday last, with the usual amount of ceremony.

The opening speech by the Governor General was as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The hope I expressed at the close of the last session that on the reassembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized. Canada has been favored with a year of great prosperity.

Landed with a year of great prosperity. Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices. Her manufacturing and other industries have been, and continue to be, developed under favorable auspices. Her trade and commerce have been steadily increasing, and peace and order prevail within her borders. For these various blessings we cannot be sufficiently thankful to the giver of all good things.

The chief magistrate of the United States has been out of the hands of an assassin, and it is fitting that the sorrow of our people for a loss which was not that of our friends and neighbors alone, should be here adverted to as another instance of the sympathy which unites, in brotherhood, the British Empire and the American Republic.

During the recess I had the pleasure of visiting the Province of Manitoba and of traversing the extensive prairies of the North West, and from personal examination can sincerely congratulate the people on the possession of so magnificent and fertile a region, so inhabited, I trust, in the course of years, by millions of thriving and contented subjects of Her Majesty. The immigrants have not confined themselves to Manitoba or its vicinity, but are scattered over the country westward to the Rocky Mountains, and from the International boundary to the banks of the northern Saskatchewan. It is, therefore, thought that the time has come for the division of the territories into four or more provincial districts, with an appropriate nomenclature. This subject will be submitted for your consideration.

During my journey I was met by numerous Indian tribes, all expressing confidence in the continuance of the traditional policy of kindness and justice, which has hitherto governed the relations between the Government and the Aborigines. I regret, however, to say that the necessity of supplementing the food supply of the Indians still exists in large measure, and to continue for some years. Every exertion has been made to settle the Indian bands on reserves, and to induce them to take themselves to the raising of cattle and cultivating the soil. These efforts have met with a fair measure of success, but we can only expect by a long continuation of patient firmness, to induce these children of the prairie and the forest to abandon their nomadic habits, become self-supporting and ultimately add to the industrial wealth of the country.

The influx of a white population has greatly increased the danger of collision between the settler and the red man, and in my opinion renders an augmentation of mounted police a matter of urgency. Your sanction to the increase will be sought.

The report of the commission appointed to investigate the existing system of civil service, will be laid before you, and a measure on the subject submitted for your consideration.

The decennial census having been taken last year, the duty of reconsidering and readjusting the representation in the House of Commons is imposed upon you. A measure for the purpose will be laid before you.

Several other measures of importance will be submitted to you. Among them will be bills for winding up of insolvent banks, for the consolidation of amendments of 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 and of judges of County Courts and of judges of the District Courts.

and your attention will be called to the present an anomalous position of the Vice Admiralty jurisdiction.

The work of construction on that portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Prince Arthur's Landing and Winnipeg is being pressed to completion, but it is not until the completion of the line between Portage and Winnipeg, 135 miles in length, has been completed and transferred under terms of contract to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by which it is now operated.

Considerable progress has been made on the Eastern section, commencing at Callender Station, and the vigorous prosecution of the work on that portion of the line during the present year provided for.

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 a 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. Upon the sections to be constructed by the Railway Company, the work has been most energetically carried forward.

During the past summer the road has been graded for the distance of two hundred and eighty miles, and of this one hundred and sixty miles are completed and open for traffic. The company have, in addition, graded eighty miles of branch line.

I am pleased to be able to state that the traffic on the International Railway has largely increased, and that this line was, during the last fiscal year, for the first time in its history, worked with but a single train.

The works on the Welland Canal were so far advanced that the waters of Lake Erie were introduced for its supply in July last, and in September the new portion of the Canal between Allandale and Port Dalhousie was opened for traffic. You will be 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 hope of a mutually profitable trade.

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 working man and his family, without undue interference with the development of our manufacturing industry will be laid before you and I invite your earnest consideration of this report.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. It will be satisfactory to you 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. 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.

The necessity of issuing the debenture loan, authorized by Parliament for those purposes, has, therefore, been obviated. The estimates of the ensuing year will be submitted, and will, I trust, be found to have been framed with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I now invite your attention to the several subjects mentioned and to the general business which will come before you, with full confidence in your ability and patriotic desire to forward the best interests of the country.

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