

*"Gentlemen Peers and Deputies,*

"The affection and the sympathy of the French nation have sustained my courage. My heart, ever suffering from grief, but full of confidence in your devotedness in calling you myself together to resume the course of your labours, I wished to conclude to-day what my grief had compelled me to leave incomplete at the opening of your session. You have already achieved much for the security and future prosperity of France; I thank you in her name. Whatever may be our trials, I and my family will devote to her service whatever strength and life the Almighty shall grant us. Thanks to the maintenance of public order and peace, the national prosperity, attested by the rapid increase in the public revenue, manifests itself beyond our most sanguine hopes. The solid empire of the laws is the best security for the well being of all, as it is for the power of the state; and the conviction everywhere established, that the laws will be religiously executed, renders less frequent the enforcement of their penalties. I congratulate myself on our having obtained those happy results. I feel confident that our prosperity will pursue its course without either interruption or obstacle. My relations with foreign powers continue to be pacific and amicable. The good harmony prevailing amongst the Powers has strengthened the repose of the East, and procured in Syria for the Christian population the establishment of an administration conformable to their religious faith and their wishes. I deplore the disturbances which have recently agitated Spain. In my relations with the Spanish monarchy, my sole object has been to protect our legitimate interests, to preserve for Queen Isabella II. a faithful amity, and to testify for the rights of humanity that respect and protection which honour the name of France. By the occupation of the Marquesa Islands I have secured to our navigators in those distant seas a protection and refuge of which the necessity had been long felt. Thanks to the persevering efforts of our brave army, our dominion in Algeria becomes everywhere stable and respected. The vigilance and regularity of the administration will complete the work so gloriously prosecuted by the courage of our soldiers. I have opened with several States negotiations which will have the effect of imparting to our agriculture, our commerce, and manufactures more active development, and to procure for our national interests additional facilities. Laws of finance, and various bills intended to introduce into our legislation and administration important improvements, shall be immediately presented to you. Gentlemen, the world is at peace! France is free, active, and happy! My object has been, and ever shall be, until my last breath, to secure those blessings for my country. It is with your constant and loyal co-operation that I have succeeded. You will aid me in maintaining and in consummating the work which we have commenced in common. This will be for all the most worthy recompense, and for me the only consolation that I can hereafter hope for."

The Queen entered the Hall a short time after the appearance of her husband. The presence of a mother, who was still suffering from the shock inflicted on her by the loss of a son, to whom she was fondly attached, affected the assembly, and on her appearance, rose to exhibit their sympathy for her grief.

The result of the offers for the Canada debentures transpired this morning; and it was made known that Mr. Maubert was the sole purchaser at the high price of £108. The rumour that he had previously offered £107 11s. appears to be a true one, and also that that was yesterday the highest price tendered. This the Government would not accept, as the sealed paper placed in the hands of the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and referred to in the announcement, declared £108 to be the lowest price. The biddings were not re-opened, but Mr. Maubert's offer being the highest, he was allowed the option of taking the loan at the Government price if he pleased, to which terms he acceded. The arrangement between our Government and the Canada Company is, that the latter shall pay 5 per cent. on the loan of which Government guarantees four to the creditor, the remaining one, as well as the whole premium of eight, being set aside to form a sinking fund, which will thus immediately have £24,000 to begin with. As some doubt has arisen as to the extension of the Government guarantee beyond the twenty years, and with respect to the redemption of the loan, it may be as well to observe, that the general interpretation of the law is, that the Government is not bound to redeem at all, but in case of non-redemption in twenty years, is bound to continue the guarantee of the payment of interest, even if the redemption should be postponed for an indefinite period. The new feature in the English Stock-market was the introduction of the Canada debentures to the notice of the public. In one bargain they were done at  $\frac{1}{2}$  premium, and in another it is reported 1 premium was paid for a small amount.—*London Times*, 19th Dec.

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