

ral heads of Railways, Post Office, Penitentiary, and Light Houses; and it is expected that on a final adjustment of our claims, as well under the above heads as on account of Railway Stocks transferred to the Federal Government under 'The British North America Act, 1867,' a very considerable sum will thereby become available towards the reduction of the Provincial Debt.

"A very important question has arisen in reference to the Eastern Extension Railway, and I therefore considered it advisable to send a delegation from my Government to Ottawa, in order to present, and fully explain the nature of, our claims; and I have good reason to believe that the justice of those claims will ensure a satisfactory result at the hands of the Federal Government, and thereby relieve the Province from a large amount of liability.

"To aid in carrying out the object of the Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature, to facilitate the settlement of Crown Lands, Roads have been projected and are being opened out from several governing points of the Province to and through tracts of Land eligible for settlement.

"In consequence of the extended jurisdiction of the County Courts, a measure will be submitted for your consideration, to provide for the efficient prosecution of Criminal Cases in those Courts.

"As there is at present no provision for the issuing of Commissions *de lunatico inquirendo* in this Province, a measure will be presented to you with a view to supply this defect.

"Measures will also be laid before you relating to Marriage Licences, and the appointment of Justices of the Peace.

"The Federal Parliament having made provision for payment of the Salaries and Pensions of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Governor General in Council having made allowance for the travelling expenses of the Judges, your attention will be directed to the propriety of repealing that portion of the Act of Assembly which provides for payment of the travelling charges and expenses of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts in addition to their salaries, and also for a disposition, by Legislative enactment, of the Fees heretofore received by the Judges.

"The Law disqualifying a certain class of persons from being elected or holding seats in the Assembly of this Province, it will be well for you to consider if the provisions of the Act in such case provided, should not be extended to both Branches of the Legislature, and to Officers and others under the Federal Government.

"The purity and freedom of Elections being of the highest importance in a free country, it is important that your consideration should be called to some measure for the better prevention of bribery and corruption at the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly.

"The cordiality with which my appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor has been approved by my fellow countrymen of all classes has been most gratifying to me.

"The best energies of my early manhood were ungrudgingly devoted to the service of my native Province; and now that we have become an indispensable portion of a young and vigorous Confederacy, I feel more than ever solicitous for the welfare of the Province, and for the honorable and loyal performance of those obligations which attach to us as an integral portion of the Dominion; and while we have good reason for hoping that a future of great prosperity lies before us, my prayer is that our best hopes may be realized, and that we may long continue to live under the protection of British Laws, and in the enjoyment of unsurpassed British liberty, beneath the old Flag that our fathers loved, and which throughout the world is known and respected as, at once, the symbol and the guarantee of Liberty, Law, and Order."