

JOURNALS
OF
THE SENATE
OF
CANADA.

Thursday, April 11th, 1872.

Thursday the eleventh day of the month of April, in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen Defender of the Faith, being the Fifth Session of the First Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, as continued by several Prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Senate Chamber in the City of *Ottawa*, were :

The Honorable *Joseph Edouard Cauchon*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Locke,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Pead,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Malhiot,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Blake,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mills,</i>	<i>Seymour.</i>
<i>Bureau</i>	<i>Hamilton, (Kingston)</i>	<i>Mitchell,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hazen,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Olivier,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Wark.</i>
<i>Chapais</i>	<i>Letellier de St. Just,</i>		

His Excellency the Right Honorable *John*, Baron *Lisgar*, of *Lisgar* and *Bailieborough*, in the County of *Cavan*, *Ireland*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and a Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. *Michael* and St. *George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of *Prince Edward*, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne.

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,
His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a gracious speech to both Houses.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The auspicious recovery which the mercy of Providence vouchsafed from the well nigh mortal illness of the Prince of *Wales*, called forth a universal expression of joy and thankfulness throughout the Empire. All classes of the people testified their deep sense of relief from the anxieties of a long and painful suspense, by joining their beloved Queen in a public Thanksgiving, which proved in vastness of attendance and unanimity of feeling the grandest and most impressive ceremony ever witnessed in the British Capital. I invite you to follow the good example on the fifteenth day of this month. It was thought advisable to defer the solemnity until after the meeting of Parliament, and I feel assured that the Members of the two Houses, as well as all Her Majesty's faithful subjects throughout the Dominion, will be anxious to unite in celebrating the occasion with all becoming observance and loyal alacrity.

Your meeting has itself been postponed to a later season than usual, upon considerations of Imperial as well as Colonial interest, and at the instance of Her Majesty's Government.

The young Province of *Manitoba* was, last September, threatened with an invasion of lawless persons from the *United States*. Prompt measures for resistance were adopted by the local authorities and attended with the best results. In order to re-assure the people of the Province, and to prevent a recurrence of the outrage, I ordered a force of two hundred Militiamen to be sent to *Fort Garry*. Notwithstanding the inclement season of the year the troops surmounted the difficulties of the march with energy and success, thus proving not only their own discipline and endurance, but also the value of the route through our own Territory. The accounts of the expenditure occasioned by this expedition will be laid before you, and you will be requested to pass a Bill to indemnify the Government.

A copy of the Treaty made at *Washington* last year, between Her Majesty the Queen and the *United States of America*, in which the Dominion has so great an interest, will be laid before you. So much of the papers and of the completed correspondence as can be made public without injury to the interests of the Empire or of *Canada*, will also be at once submitted for your information, and your attention will be invited to this important subject.

A conference was held at *Ottawa* in September last, on the subject of Immigration, at which the Government of the Dominion, as well as those of every Province, were represented. A scheme for joint and several action was provisionally arranged, to which I invite your attention. I do not doubt that you will be inclined to make ample provisions for the encouragement of Immigration with the maintenance and extension of which the development of the vast natural resources of *Canada* is so vitally interwoven.

Since last Session the union of *British Columbia* with *Canada* has been happily consummated, and her representatives now take part in your deliberations.

In order to open up and settle the fertile Territories of the North West, and to link *British Columbia* therewith, it will be necessary for you to make provision for the construction of a Railway to the *Pacific Ocean*, in conformity with the terms of Her Majesty's Order in Council, uniting *British Columbia* with the Dominion. An appropriation was made in the last Session for the preliminary Survey of the route for this Railway. The work has been diligently prosecuted, and a report of the progress achieved will be laid before you.

You will, I trust, concur with me in thinking that the long contemplated improvement and extension of our system of Canals ought to be vigorously prosecuted. The rapid increase in the trade of *Canada*, and the importance of competing for, and accom-

modating the commerce of the great West, render it necessary that the means of transport by water should be cheapened and facilitated, I have to request your serious consideration of this subject, and in connection with it, the expediency of providing a direct water communication between the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* and the Bay of *Fundy*.

The decennial Census having been taken last year, the duty of re-adjusting the representation in Parliament, of the four Provinces originally constituting the Dominion, devolves upon you now, according to the terms of the Union Act. A measure for the purpose will accordingly be submitted for your consideration.

Among other measures, Bills will be presented to you relating to the Judges of Superior Courts—to the regulation and management of the Public Lands and Mines of the Dominion in *Manitoba* and the North West Territories, and for the amendment of the laws relating to the Public Health.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts of the past year will at once be laid before you, and likewise a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the current year, up to the close of the last month.

It is gratifying to me to be able to announce to you that the revenue for the past, as well as that for the current year, will be considerably in excess of what was estimated, and that consequently there is no reason to apprehend embarrassment from the immediate commencement of the contemplated public improvements.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you, and I trust that you will be of opinion that the supplies which my Government will ask you to vote for the service of Her Majesty, can be granted without inconvenience to Her Canadian subjects.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have all the more satisfaction in recurring to your counsel and assistance at this period, inasmuch as I may congratulate you on the general prosperity of the country, and the fortunate issue of the steps taken to unite and consolidate the vast territories which now form the Dominion.

I feel assured that you will continue to devote the same assiduity as in the past to the augmented labors, which the exigencies of more numerous constituencies and a wider sphere of operations demand at your hands; and I earnestly pray that your efforts in the path of duty may be so happily guided as to maintain peace and justice in all the borders of the land, and ensure the happiness and lasting welfare of all classes of its inhabitants.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne and the same was then read by the Clerk—

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (Kingston), it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.