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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland  
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved the Honorable George Brown, of our Province of  
Ontario, in our Dominion of Canada.

GREETING :—

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of our Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do command you, the said Honorable George Brown, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councilor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye, of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Sixteenth Day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three, and in the Thirty-Eighth Year of Our Reign.

By Command,

RICHARD POPE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

The Honorable Mr. Brown came to the Table, and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by Robert Le Moine, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table a Certificate of the Commissioner, setting forth that the Honorable George Brown, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye* of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye* of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &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:*

I have much satisfaction in meeting you at this early and convenient season.

I have to congratulate you upon the organization of the *North-West* Police Force, and the success of its operations. It has materially aided in the creation of confidence and good-will among the Indian tribes; in the suppression of the liquor traffic; the establishment of legitimate trade; the collection of Customs duties; and, above all, in maintaining security for life and property within the Territory. Another effect of the presence of the Police in the *North-West* has been to enable the Government to largely reduce the strength of the Military establishment in that country.

The negotiation of a friendly Treaty with the *Crees* and *Sauteux* of the *North-West* for the cession of territory may be regarded as a further guarantee for the continuation of amicable relations with the Indian tribes of that vast region.

During the past summer, I had the pleasure and advantage of visiting a very large portion of the Province of *Ontario*, including the whole coast of *Georgian Bay* and *Lake Superior*. This official tour enabled me to form a better idea of the great extent of the comparatively well-settled country, and of that which is still almost wholly undeveloped. I was everywhere received with the kindest welcome, and was much gratified in witnessing the enterprise, contentment and loyalty manifested in every quarter.

Your attention will be invited to a measure for the creation of a Supreme Court. The necessity for such a measure has yearly become more and more apparent, since the organization of the Dominion; it is essential to our system of jurisprudence and to the settlement of constitutional questions.

You will also be invited to consider a Bill relating to the important subject of Insolvency.

Measures will be submitted to you providing for the reorganization of the government of the *North-West* and the consolidation of the laws relating to that country; for a general Insurance law, and on the subject of Copyright.

Gratifying progress has been made in the survey of the *Canada Pacific* Railway route. Measures have been taken to secure the early construction of the *Georgian Bay* branch, and to provide a connection with the eastern railway system. The report of the survey, of the road from *Lake Superior* to *Fort Garry*, which will be ready in a few days, will afford information upon which tenders may be invited for the construction of the eastern and western portions of that section, so as to reach the navigable waters of the interior.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the present financial year will also be submitted; they will, I believe, be found to have been framed with every regard to economy, consistent with efficiency in the public service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am happy to believe that notwithstanding the general and wide-spread commercial depression which has prevailed over the continent, the trade of *Canada* is sound, and that the contraction we have experienced in some branches of industry for the past year has not been greater than might naturally have been anticipated.

Papers will be submitted to you on the *North-West* troubles, and in reference to the negotiations between the Dominion Government and the Government of *British Columbia* on the subject of the *Pacific* Railway.

Steps have been taken during the recess for a combination of effort on the part of the several Provinces and the Dominion, to promote immigration from *Europe* under the general direction of the Dominion officials. It is hoped that the effect will be increased efficiency and economy in this branch of the public service.

I rely with confidence on your prudence and ability, and on your patriotic devotion to the great public interests entrusted to you: and I pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon your labors.

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

PRAYERS :

The Hon. Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* 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. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

*Ordered*, That all Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the orders and customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :

By the Honorable the Speaker, of *Nicholas Sallier*, of the City of *Ottawa*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library,

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF PARLIAMENT, RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:—

That, since the last Annual Report, numerous additions have been made to the Library. But owing to the frequent and increasing demands for the latest and most authoritative information upon legal questions, and upon the principal topics of the day,—and the absence of any other public Library in this part of the Dominion,—it is evident that it will become necessary, before long, to increase the collection; very