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By His Honor's command,

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Provincial Secretary.

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**PROROGATION OF THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.**

SPEECH of His Honor the Superintendent, on the Prorogation of the Sixteenth Session of the Nelson Provincial Council, on the 25th July, 1867.

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

I have assented, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, to the following Acts which you have passed during the present Session :—

“An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1863.”

“An Act to Amend the Law relating to the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.”

“An Act to Regulate the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors in the Gold-Fields of the Province of Nelson.”

“An Act to appropriate the Revenue of the Province of Nelson, for the Year ending the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.”

I have reserved, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, the following :—

“An Act to authorise the Superintendent to guarantee Interest upon the capital to be expended in the construction of a Patent Slip, or Dry Dock, at the Port of Nelson.”

“An Act to promote the construction of a Railroad from Westport to Charleston and Brighton.”

The Draft Bill to which you have agreed as a substitute for the Nelson Crown Lands Leasing Act, 1863, shall be introduced into the General Assembly ; and I will endeavor, with the assistance of the other

members for this Province, to get it passed into law.

In accordance with your resolution to that effect, a Bill shall also be submitted to the Assembly to enable me to grant or to lease the proposed Nelson, Cobden, and Westport Railway to the Company constructing it, and I trust that these additional powers will be conceded.

I will also endeavor to give effect to your wishes by obtaining representation in the General Assembly for the South-west Gold-Fields, and will apply to the Colonial Government to extend the Sittings of the Westland District Court to that portion of our Province.

In compliance with the wish you have expressed, I will take an early opportunity after the Session of the General Assembly has closed, to appoint a Mining Conference to revise the Rules and Regulations now in force upon the Gold-Fields. In the meantime it is probable that alterations will have been made in the Gold-Fields Act, and the Conference will consequently be in a position to frame regulations in accordance with that Act as amended.

Bills shall be prepared for your consideration at your next Session to provide for the systematic draining of Land, for the inspection of Meat, and for the maintenance and improvement of the Public Health

of the City of Nelson; to enable me to guarantee Interest upon Capital employed in Coal Mining; to amend the Country Roads Act, the Cattle Trespass Act, and the Cattle Slaughtering Act, in a manner to meet the views you have expressed.

I will also propose an amended code of Bye-Laws under the Scab Act, embracing the modifications you propose, and will take measures for the Regulations of Watermen and Ballast-getters.

The question of the continued Importation of Cattle has received the anxious attention of the Government, and arrangements are in progress with the principal importers to confine Cattle landed from foreign vessels within certain narrow limits until they are slaughtered or exported.

I hope that this arrangement will allay the alarm which has reasonably been excited, without involving the necessity of prohibiting the importation of foreign cattle, a step which would press severely upon the bulk of the population, and especially upon that of the Gold-Fields.

I now declare this Council prorogued.

OSWALD CURTIS,

Superintendent.