

their attention to Agricultural pursuits as the surest source of future prosperity.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that our best attention will be given to any measure that may be brought forward for facilitating the beneficial settlement of the unappropriated Crown Lands in this Province.

We shall be ready to give our aid and concurrence in any Legislative measure that may tend to the good and provident management of the Indian Reserved Lands, by which any fund can be provided and secured for the assistance and benefit of the Indian Population.

We are deeply impressed with the great importance of affording every encouragement to Agriculture, the Fisheries, and Domestic Manufactures, in connection with the other Interests of this Province, and will give our cordial support to any measure which may in our judgment tend to that object.

We will readily give our most diligent attention to any suggestion for the improvement of our present Parish School system, and the introduction of a more efficient management thereof, being fully convinced of the necessity of having the large appropriations annually made for the support of these Institutions, expended in a manner to produce the greatest possible good to those classes for whose more immediate benefit they are intended.

We are happy to learn from Your Excellency that the regulations made last year for the government of the Penitentiary at Saint John have produced a salutary effect, and so far as the same may be applicable, and can be practically applied, we will cheerfully concur in any measure for their introduction to the other Provincial Prisons.

We thank Your Excellency for calling our attention to the Laws for the regulation of Savings' Banks, as we are aware of the paramount necessity of providing every requisite means for the protection and security of the funds there deposited by the industrious classes.

The consolidation of the Departments of the Revenue, we concur with your Excellency, in viewing as a measure that will call for the adoption of such arrangements as may secure the efficiency of the local establishments, and a reduction of the expenses.

Any new measure relative to the collection of a reduced Duty on the Timber and other Lumber of the Province that may be submitted to us, shall have our best consideration.

We are happy to learn from Your Excellency that there is a prospect of an early and satisfactory adjustment of the question that has arisen as to the Boundary between Canada and this Province, as it is one in which the interests of this Province are deeply involved.

We have every confidence in our Most Gracious Queen's desire to uphold the principles of the British Constitution in this Province, which we are quite sure will afford the best encouragement to the devoted loyalty and attachment of the Inhabitants thereof, and we shall gratefully receive the correspondence Your Excellency alludes to, in reference to the measures of the last Session; and we beg also to assure Your Excellency of our cordial support in any provision that may be requisite to give effect to Her Majesty's gracious intentions for the welfare of Her People in this part of Her Dominions.

REPLY.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen,

I return you my sincere thanks for your dutiful and loyal Address, and I request you also to accept my acknowledgements for the cordial assurance of support which you have given to me.

ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects, the People of New Brunswick, beg leave to offer our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

Although this Meeting of the General Assembly is attributable to the Constitutional Right of a free People rather than the pressure of any particular emergency, we fully concur with Your Excellency that interests of vital importance to this Colony are involved in our deliberations, in the due maintaining and advancement of which we feel it our especial duty to co-operate with the other Branches of the Legislature.

The recent addition to the family of our beloved Queen, a source of increased happiness to Her Majesty, is also most gratifying to Her loyal subjects.

As an highly favoured dependency of Great Britain, New Brunswick rejoices in the state of external tranquillity and repose which now so happily prevails, and we cannot doubt that the People of this Province will at all times participate in the advantages resulting from the Commercial enterprise of the Parent State.

The pressure to which all classes of the Community have been so long subjected, is now, we rejoice to say, materially alleviated; and while we recognize with humility and thankfulness, that Divine Hand by which the labours of the Husbandman have been crowned with success, we feel it to be the duty of the Legislature to regard Agricultural Pursuits as the primary source of prosperity, and the especial object of encouragement.

The means of facilitating the settlement of the extensive tracts of Wilderness Land in the Province, and also the Legislative measures necessary for the management of the Indian Reserves, with a view to meet the expense attendant on the present condition of the Indian Tribes, shall receive our most serious attention.

The encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, Agriculture, the Fisheries, and all those branches of enterprise essential to the prosperity of a new Country, shall also be attended to; and sensible that the very liberal appropriations so long continued for Educational purposes have not been productive of a corresponding amount of benefit, the House of Assembly is most anxious for the adoption of such measures as may give vigour and effect to an object so materially connected with the best interests of the present and rising generation.

We are glad to be informed that salutary results have ensued the Regulations framed last year for the management of the Provincial Penitentiary, and Your Excellency may rely on our sincere desire to support any system applicable to the improvement of the other Provincial Prisons.

We shall give due consideration to the Laws for the Regulation of Savings' Banks, in order to the perfect security of the funds deposited therein—and any proposition calculated to increase the efficiency and diminish the expense of any Local Establishment in the Province, shall meet our most cordial support.

We trust that the objections which have been made to the Act of last Session, relating to the collection of a reduced Duty on Timber and other Lumber, will appear to be of such a nature, as to admit of alterations for their removal.

It gives us heartfelt pleasure to learn that the increase of the Revenue and the revival of Public Credit, as well as the attention which your Excellency informs us has been given to Public Retrenchment and Economy will enable us, without imposing further burthens, to afford that support to Public undertakings, and more especially to the opening and repairing of Roads and erection of Bridges, which is so essential to the settlement of the Country.

The instruction from Her Majesty's Government on the subject of Differential Duties shall be carefully considered.

We earnestly hope that the correspondence with Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Canada, on the subject of the Boundary, may lead to an early and satisfactory adjustment of that question; and we trust when it is borne in mind, that this Province undertook the burthen of a heavy Civil List, chargeable perpetually upon its Revenues, without any apprehension that the sources of those Revenues could possibly be affected (as they have already been) by a Treaty reducing the extent of its area, that the present negotiation may not result in a further diminution of the territory of New Brunswick.

In accordance with those principles of Loyalty for which the People of New Brunswick have ever been so justly distinguished, their Representatives entertain the most implicit confidence in the intentions of our Gracious Queen to uphold the established principles of the Constitution; and your Excellency may believe, that as we justly appreciate the invaluable blessings which that Constitution has conferred on the People, so it is our steadfast determination to give such support to Her Majesty's Representative, as will enable him to give effect to the parental intentions of his Sovereign.

REPLY.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

I receive with cordial satisfaction your dutiful and loyal Address, and I return you my sincere thanks for the steadfast support you have expressed your determination to afford to me in giving effect to Her Majesty's parental intentions for the welfare of Her loyal subjects

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

THE Rev. J. M. STIRLING, of Mauderville, and the Rev. JAS. PORTER, of Sheffield, to be additional Trustees of the Grammar School in Sunbury.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

WM. F. ODELL.

Secretary's Office, Feb. 2, 1844.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

DOUBTS having arisen as to the construction of the Order of Council of the tenth October last, relative to the Duty on Logs; Notice is hereby given, that the *upset price only* (and not the *Duty*) is reduced from 3s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. per thousand.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

WM. F. ODELL.

Secretary's Office, 6th January, 1844.

ERRATUM.—A typographical error having arisen in inserting the upset price in the above Notice in last week's Gazette, instead of "from three shillings to two shillings per thousand," read *from three shillings and sixpence to two shillings and sixpence per thousand.*

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IN COUNCIL, January 5, 1844.

CLAIMANTS for the re-payment of private Survey Money on account of Crown Lands advertised for Auction, are hereby notified to present their claims before the sale to the local Deputy; And in cases of default, the local Deputies are hereby authorised to demand the rate of three pence an acre only from the purchaser as the expense of Survey, and the same shall be paid over to the proper claimant afterwards.

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