

Provincial Legislature.

Addresses of Her Majesty's Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for the Speech at the opening of the Session; and at the same time we beg to offer the assurance of our earnest desire to co-operate with Your Excellency in promoting the welfare of the People of this Province.

We heartily join in the congratulations offered on the birth, since the last Session of the Legislature, of another Princess.

We rejoice with Your Excellency to observe those indications of reviving Trade in England, which must necessarily have an immediate and beneficial effect upon the Commerce and Industry of this Province.

The wisdom and stability of the Institutions of the Mother Country, to which it is our happiness to be united, have never, we believe, been exhibited in a more admirable manner than in the suppression, during the past year, of riot and commotion; and most cordially do we join in Your Excellency's expression of unfeigned gratitude to the All-wise Disposer of events, in averting from the British Empire, and from ourselves, as an integral portion of it, the calamities which have visited other Nations.

We are exceedingly gratified to learn Your Excellency's sentiments on the great enterprise of establishing Rail Roads in the North American Colonies, and that their importance is duly appreciated by Her Majesty's Home Government. Deeply grateful for the enlightened and liberal policy entertained respecting these Colonies, we anticipate at no distant day the commencement of these great Public Works, and believe that no other undertakings can, under Providence, more rapidly advance their prosperity or strengthen the tie which now binds us to the Parent Land. Our best energies shall, therefore, be devoted to the perfecting of any practicable scheme which may be devised for the promotion of this vastly important object; and we shall be thankful for the Report of the Commissioners which Your Excellency has been pleased to say shall be laid before us, as also for the Despatch of the Secretary of State on this highly interesting subject.

We are gratified to learn that the Survey of the Line of the proposed Rail Road between Shediac and Saint John has been completed.

The improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint John, so as to open an Inland Communication by Steam between the Bay of Fundy and the Saint Lawrence, is an object second only in importance to the construction of Rail Roads; and we assure Your Excellency that we shall cheerfully concur in any practicable measure that may be submitted to us for this purpose.

It affords us great satisfaction to learn that the Immigration of the last year has been free from the disasters which attended that of the previous season.

We shall not fail to take into our respectful consideration any suggestions which may be made in the Despatch of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in regard to the important subject of securing the settlement of industrious Emigrants.

Impressed with the conviction that our ample Agricultural resources have not hitherto been turned to the best account, and feeling their increasing claims on our attention, we shall readily embrace any suggestions which may be made, with the view of fostering and encouraging their development.

It is with great satisfaction we learn that the efforts of those engaged in the Fisheries, during the last year, have proved successful, and that the steps taken by Government for the protection of the Grand Manan Fishery have contributed to this result.

We shall be ready to take into our consideration any measures which may be laid before us for the improvement of the Criminal Law.

We attach great importance to the subject of Common Schools, and shall cheerfully consider any suggestions which may be made for their improvement.

We share in the belief expressed by Your Excellency, that the Act relating to the Indian Reserves may now be successfully carried out.

The Post Office arrangements for these Provinces have long been a subject of anxious consideration; and believing that the question cannot be settled without Imperial Legislation, we rejoice to learn from Your Excellency, that Her Majesty's Ministers propose to apply to Parliament for such powers as may be necessary for their satisfactory adjustment.

We thank Your Excellency for the information in regard to the Boundary between this Province and Canada; and we cordially join in the hope expressed by Your Excellency that the embarrassments attending this long pending dispute will be brought to a speedy termination.

Our utmost efforts shall be used to mature such measures as shall best develop the resources which we are sensible abound in every part of our highly favoured Province; and we concur with Your Excellency in believing that paramount importance should be attached to such measures as relate to the establishment of Railways, confidently trusting that when, as Your Excellency has observed, these are based on public credit, economy and judicious responsibility, we shall be found advancing in a more uninterrupted and permanent course of prosperity.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

"Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

"I receive with sincere satisfaction your loyal Address, and I rejoice to find that you share my hopes for the future prosperity of the Province.

"I rely with full confidence on the assurance of your co-operation in all useful measures."

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, 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 devoted Subjects, the People of New Brunswick, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

The fulfilment of our duties to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and the welfare of the People in this portion of Her Dominions, being our common object, we greet Your Excellency as the Representative of our Sovereign with a hearty welcome, and assure Your Excellency of our readiness to devote our best energies for the advancement of the Public welfare.

We hail, as a subject of sincere congratulation, the birth of a Princess since our last meeting.

Although the depression of our Commercial Interests is much to be regretted, yet we rejoice with Your Excellency in the prospect that the Commerce and Industry of this Province will be benefitted by the reviving trade and prosperity of the Mother Country; and we have great cause to be thankful that we feel in our Commercial Relations only the remote effects of those Revolutions which yet disturb so large a portion of Europe.

The sublime and effective demonstration of the Civil Power, on a recent occasion in the Mother Country, well attests the excellence and stability of our National Institutions, and affords the most gratifying assurance that they are duly appreciated by the wise and the good of all classes of society: And while so many great and powerful Nations have been visited with tumult and bloodshed, it becomes us to record our unfeigned gratitude to that Divine Being, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, that it has pleased Him to uphold and preserve the integrity of our Empire.

In this day of Railway facilities, we agree with Your Excellency, that we cannot properly abstain from doing our utmost to promote such undertakings in this Province.

We shall be happy to receive the Report of the Commissioners on the proposed Trunk Line between Halifax and Quebec, the importance of which, we are gratified to learn, is duly appreciated at home; and we fully agree with Your Excellency in the belief that the destiny of these Colonies is, under Providence, involved in this great question, and that on Public Works of this description, the elements of our future prosperity mainly depend for their immediate development: We shall therefore cheerfully render our aid in devising and perfecting any scheme for promoting works of this description, which may be consistent with good faith and sound Financial principles.

Viewing the contemplated Line of Railway between Saint John and Shediac as one of great importance to the interests of this Province, we are happy to learn that the appropriation of the last Session, for the Survey of that Line, has been duly applied.

We consider the opening of Inland Communication by Steam, between the Bay of Fundy and the River Saint Lawrence, as of great Commercial importance: and we shall give due consideration to any measure relating to this subject which may be brought before us, trusting with Your Excellency that the Canadian Government will co-operate in opening up this desirable medium of intercourse.

It is a matter of congratulation that the disasters which marked the Immigration from the Mother Country of the previous Season, have not been repeated during the year just expired.

Desirous of doing all in our power to secure the occupation and improvement of our Wild Lands by industrious Settlers, we shall thankfully receive from Your Excellency any information and suggestions which may assist us in the consideration of this important question.

Deeply impressed with the paramount importance of our Agriculture, we shall be at all times prepared so to foster and encourage its increasing claims, as to turn our ample resources in this branch of industry to the best account.

In the prosperity of our Fisheries we have always felt a deep interest; and we are gratified to learn that the steps taken by the Government, during the last Season, have contributed to the success of the valuable and important Fishery at Grand Manan.

We shall give our best consideration to any measures which may be laid before us in connection with the Criminal Law.