

ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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.

We participate in the regret so generally felt at the death of the late Queen Dowager of England, whose name will long be endeared to the Nation, by the recollection of her deep piety, and active benevolence.

We cordially join in Your Excellency's congratulations on the blessings which Providence has vouchsafed to us in the late abundant Crop, and in the confident hope that our Commerce and Manufactures will, from this, as well as from other causes, gradually revive.

We acknowledge with fervent gratitude, the mercy of Providence, in sparing us from the ravages of that disease which has so fearfully prevailed in our neighbourhood and other parts of the World.

We shall await with much interest the Report of Professor Johnston, on the subject of our Agricultural capabilities, and we rejoice in Your Excellency's persuasion, that the publication of his examination and opinions on this subject will tend as well to promote an improved description of Immigration as to stimulate the native industry of the Province. And Your Excellency may rely on our most earnest consideration of any suggestions which may emanate from this distinguished Professor, and in our willingness to concur in any measures, having for their object the development of our valuable Mineral and Agricultural resources.

We are gratified by the expression of Your Excellency's confidence, that the recent changes in the Navigation Laws of the Mother Country will not prove injurious to the Commercial interests of this Province; but on the contrary, that the reciprocal removal of restrictions on the cargoes of British ships in Foreign Ports, will create an increased demand for this one of our Staple exports, which, combined with the advantages we possess for Ship building, may enable us to compete with any Nation.

We are sensible of the growing importance of cultivating a greater freedom of intercourse, as well between these Provinces as with Foreign Countries, upon terms of reciprocity, and we are much gratified by Your Excellency's assurance that Her Majesty's Government at Home are anxious to concur in any measure for this object.

Impressed with the great importance of improving the communication between the Bay of Fundy and the River St. Lawrence, we have much satisfaction in learning from Your Excellency that steps have been taken under the Act of last Session for a careful examination and survey of the impediments to the River Navigation between Fredericton and the Grand Falls, and we look with much interest for the Report of the Officers employed for this service.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Reports of the Survey of a line of Railway between Shediac and Saint John, and also on the Fisheries on our Coast, shall be laid before us; and Your Excellency may rely on our disposition to give these subjects an attentive consideration.

The great advantages to be derived from a consolidation of the Laws, will secure to that subject the attention which its importance demands.

We deeply feel the disadvantages under which the Province now labours from the continuance of the present system of Postal arrangements, and will earnestly address ourselves to the consideration of any measure tending to their improvement.

We assure Your Excellency that our zeal in the cause of Education continues unabated. While we cannot disguise from ourselves the imperfections which must be admitted to exist in the laws regulating the Common Schools, we shall endeavour to make such improvements as may secure greater efficiency in these establishments.

We share in the regret expressed by Your Excellency, that no settlement of the Canadian Boundary has yet taken place. We trust that its importance to the welfare of both the Provinces immediately interested in the question, will lead to its speedy adjustment.

We are happy to learn from Your Excellency, that rules and regulations have been framed for carrying into effect the provisions made by Law for the settlement of Crown Lands. The topics in connection with this subject, to which our attention is invited, shall engage our deliberation; and we assure Your Excellency that any measure which may tend to secure comfort and health to the Emigrants from the Mother Country, will be regarded most favourably by us.

The highly important subject of the initiation of money votes, and in connection therewith, of local control over local charges, to which Your Excellency has adverted, shall receive all the attention it is competent to this branch of the Legislature to bestow.

Whenever any measure for the extension of the powers of the Audit Office can be devised, by which a judicious improvement in

that department of the Public service may be effected, we will cheerfully lend our aid for its accomplishment.

We thank Your Excellency for the confidence you express that our deliberations will be guided by a spirit of Loyalty to the Queen, and zeal for the Public good, and it will be our pleasing duty to endeavour to justify this confidence.

The noble spectacle afforded by Great Britain of strength and stability in her Institutions, while so many neighbouring countries were convulsed with internal dissensions, fully justifies, as Your Excellency has observed, our unimpaired confidence in those Institutions; and we trust that with the promised aid of Your Excellency it may long continue to be fostered and encouraged.

REPLY:

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

I thank you sincerely for your Address, and I entertain no doubt that your exertions in this Session will be such as to benefit the Province, and evince your loyalty to the Queen.

ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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 Subjects, the People of New Brunswick, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We participate in Your Excellency's regret at the decease of the illustrious Queen Dowager of England, whose kindness and benevolence will be long and gratefully remembered by the British Nation.

The extraordinary produce of our fields during the past year, and our exemption at the same time from the ravages of that disease which has proved so fatal in England and elsewhere, furnish abundant cause of thankfulness to that kind Providence whose mercies have been so largely vouchsafed unto us; and we trust that the energies and enterprise of the people may be so directed and encouraged, that Commerce may revive and our Manufactures be advantageously prosecuted.

We are gratified to learn that our Agricultural resources have been investigated by Professor Johnston, and we sincerely hope that Your Excellency's anticipations as to the good effects which will result from the publication of his views, with reference to our Agriculture, may be fully realized.

We shall give due consideration to any practicable suggestions of Professor Johnston in reference to the imparting of Agricultural instruction; and we agree with Your Excellency on the importance of obtaining accurate information as to the extent and probable productiveness of our Coal Fields. On both these subjects we shall be prepared to adopt such measures as will prove most conducive to the Public interests.

The important alterations which the Navigation Laws of the Mother Country have recently undergone, have excited very general apprehensions as to their effect on the Trade of New Brunswick.

We must admit that we greatly participate in these apprehensions, and should rejoice if our experience of the past, and our knowledge of the true interests of this Colony, would permit us to sympathize in the hope expressed by Your Excellency, that those fears will prove groundless. It may be expected that an increased Trade will result from the removal of restrictions on the Cargoes of British Ships in Foreign Ports, but we would strenuously urge that the Imperial Government, in justice to the Colonies, should insist that the admission of Foreign Vessels to the advantages of British Registry should in all cases be contingent on the fullest and most unequivocal reciprocity.

We shall not fail to seek, by an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to avail ourselves of the provisions of the Imperial Act, with reference to the Coasting Trade of the North American Colonies; and while we are deeply impressed with the great importance of obtaining such increased facilities for Trade as will allow our Commerce to expand and develop itself, we are gratified with Your Excellency's assurance that Her Majesty's Government are anxious to concur in any measures which may be calculated to produce so desirable a result.

Agreeing with Your Excellency as to the great Commercial importance to Canada and New Brunswick of improving the means of communication between the Bay of Fundy and the River Saint Lawrence, we are pleased to learn that a careful survey of the impediments to the Navigation between Fredericton and the Grand Falls has been made, and we hope it will be in Your Excellency's power to lay before us, during the present Session, the final Report, with the detailed Plans of that Survey.

The Report on the contemplated Railway between Shediac and Saint John shall receive our most attentive consideration, and in whatever we may do for the promotion of so important an undertaking, we shall have a due regard to the Financial resources of the Province.

Desirous of fostering and encouraging the interests of our valuable Coast Fisheries, we shall thankfully receive any information which may be of service to us in the consideration of the subject.