

When I found there was to be vacancy in the first seat on the Bench, I felt a natural, and I trust not an improper ambition to succeed to it; and I feel deeply grateful to Her Majesty for having conferred on me that appointment.

But you may believe me (for I speak in all sincerity and truth,) I should have been much better satisfied had the occasion of that appointment not existed, and had your much-respected fellow-townsmen, the late Chief Justice, been able to continue his services in the position which he has so long and so ably sustained. Bodily infirmities (ordained by that Power to whose appointments no man ever submitted with truer Christian resignation) have prevented his discharging the duties of his office with satisfaction to himself; and he has wisely, for his own comfort, withdrawn himself from that station, accompanied, I know, by the affectionate regrets of those with whom he has so long and harmoniously laboured; and with, I firmly believe, the well-earned respect of the country, which, in many capacities, he has faithfully served.

You have expressed kind wishes for my future life, for which I truly thank you; and you must allow me to add one for myself, that when it is my turn to pass away from the scene of my labours, I may leave behind me a judicial reputation as unblemished as his to whose place I have now succeeded.

By Telegraph to the News Room.

SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR J. HARVEY,

At the opening of the Session of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia on Thursday last.

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

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have required your attendance on your Parliamentary duties at as early a period as appeared to me to consist with your convenience, for the purpose of affording me advice and co-operation in matters which call for our united efforts, to promote the general interests of the Province, and the happiness and prosperity of its inhabitants; objects on which it is unnecessary for me to assure you, that a great degree of interest is felt by my gracious Mistress, our beloved Sovereign. You, on your part will, I doubt not, approach your Legislative duties with that spirit which a common desire to promote the public weal cannot fail to inspire.

Before entering on the business of the Session, I would offer you my congratulations on the satisfactory condition of the Colony as respects the Crops, Fishery, Trade, and Revenue, for the past year—blessings for which our gratitude is justly due to the Beneficent Disposer of all good.

On the conviction that no events, affecting the domestic happiness of the Royal Family, can be without interest to the people of this ancient and loyal appendage of the British Crown, I will advert to two which have occurred since we last met,—they are, the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Uncle of our beloved Queen, and the birth of another Prince.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

On the examination of the Accounts, you will, I doubt not, derive satisfaction as well from the wholesome condition of the Revenue as from the due degree of attention to your wishes, which, I trust you will find to have been manifested in the expenditures which have been made.

The estimates for the present year will be laid before you at an early period of the Session.

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

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The Legislative enactments of the last Session have, with two exceptions, received the Royal assent. To the Act relating to

Postal arrangements, I shall call your attention, submitting the views of Her Majesty's Government, as expressed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on that important subject.

A Convention, by invitation, was held last Summer at Portland, in the State of Maine, and resolutions were adopted for the construction of the European and North American Railway. Aware of the strong feeling that had shown itself, on more than one occasion, in the Assembly, on the subject of rapid and certain means of intercourse by Railroad, I deemed it to consist with my duty, immediately to place myself in communication with Her Majesty's Government, and to send one of the members of my Council to England, to ascertain what amount of aid or encouragement might be expected from the Home Government or Imperial Parliament, in furtherance of an object of such vast importance to the people of this Colony; but as the negotiation on that subject is still pending, I am not at present prepared to submit any measure with reference to this important enterprise.

I am happy to inform you that the Commissioners appointed to consolidate the Laws of the Province, have completed their useful and valuable labours, the result of which will immediately be laid before you.

The grant made by you during the last Session, in aid of Education, has been attended by many benefits. I refer particularly to the provision for a Superintendent, whose report will be submitted to you; and I have no doubt that the subject will receive renewed attention.

I shall take an early occasion of submitting the correspondence which has been conducted with a view of carrying into effect your expressed wishes in obtaining the advantages of Reciprocal Trade, and wider and freer Markets for the various products of our industry. The negotiations on this subject are still in progress, and I shall be glad if hereafter you deem it judicious to afford me the benefit of your further aid and deliberation upon a question involving such wide and prominent interests.

There is another object, in respect to which I should feel that I was acting inconsistently with the course which I have uniformly followed here and elsewhere, were I to omit presenting it to your humane consideration—I mean the cause of the helpless and destitute Lunatic. This interesting subject cannot, I feel assured, need any advocacy from me, but it would, as I have said in the neighbouring Colonies, be deeply gratifying to my feelings, if I could in any way make myself instrumental to any, even an initiatory step, in connection with this good work.

In conclusion, I would repeat the expression of my earnest hope, that a cordial desire to promote the public good may be manifested in all your deliberations during this, the last Session of the nineteenth General Assembly of Nova Scotia.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, That an application will be made to the Legislature of New Brunswick, at its next meeting, for an Act for the construction of "The Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Railway," through New Brunswick, from the Province Line of Canada, or supposed Province Line, to the Province Line of Nova Scotia; with a Branch to Fredericton; and other acquirements, for efficiently carrying out the National undertaking with the least delay.

By Order of the Committee.

JOSIAH TIMMIS,

Secretary of the Pro. Com. of "The Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Railway Company."

Toronto, September 17, 1850.