

The prosperity which you appear to enjoy is no doubt in a measure due to the natural advantages of the soil, but it must also be the work of your own industry and sagacity; whilst the fact that you have for the most part steadily devoted yourselves to agricultural occupations to the exclusion of pursuits of a more speculative character, must, in my opinion, have contributed largely to the attainment of this result.

I would, however, venture to recommend you to direct some attention to the mineral resources of the district. If apparent indications may be trusted, these resources amply merit such attention on your part, and would not leave their development to you unrewarded.

I heartily thank you for your good wishes towards myself personally. The people of this Province have everywhere welcomed me in the most kindly spirit. I trust I may not forfeit the good-will which they have so readily bestowed.

From the Clergy, Magistrates, and other Inhabitants of Saint Andrews.

To His Excellency the Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Clergy, Magistrates, and other inhabitants of the Town of Saint Andrews, solicit permission to express the gratification we feel for the honor you have done us by this visit; and to assure Your Excellency that we fully share in the satisfaction evinced by other parts of the Province in your appointment as our Lieutenant Governor.

Her Majesty's Government have always shewn great discernment in the choice of persons to preside over us—men distinguished by their talents and rectitude.—and we recognize in the selection of Your Excellency, a fresh instance of their wisdom and foresight.

We have observed with much pleasure Your Excellency's devotion to the business of the country, and the warm interest you have manifested in favour of its Institutions.

The encouragement you have given to the Volunteer movement claims our highest admiration, and we have no doubt but that under the auspices of Your Excellency, the Volunteers will attain to an efficient degree of military discipline; and should occasion unhappily call for their services, they will realize our most sanguine expectations.

In conclusion, we express our sincere sentiments, when we hope Your Excellency will enjoy good health, and derive satisfaction from the performance of the constitutional duties of your high and important office.

St. Andrews, 28th May, 1863.

REPLY.

Mr. High Sheriff, and Gentlemen,—

I receive your Address with pleasure, and thank you for your welcome.

None of my official duties are more agreeable to me than those which bring me into communication with the people of the Province, and enable me to become better acquainted with the resources of its various districts.

I have now visited nearly every County in New Brunswick, and I rejoice to find that its inhabitants are everywhere animated by a sentiment of loyal devotion to Her Majesty's Person and Throne—of attachment to the Institutions under which they live—and of thankfulness for the tranquillity they enjoy under the secure shelter of England's protection.

Your kind wishes as regards myself personally demand my acknowledgements.

My residence in this Province cannot fail to afford me both satisfaction and enjoyment, if, at its close, I can believe that I have been in any manner enabled to contribute towards the advancement of its welfare.

From the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of St. George.

To His Excellency The Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of St. George, in the County of Charlotte, and vicinity, beg to express to Your Excellency our high gratification at your visit to this

part of the Province, not only as the Representative of our most beloved and gracious Queen, but also as a son of the late lamented Nobleman and statesman, the Earl of Aberdeen.

Your Excellency will find in passing through this County, some points of difference which distinguish it from the other Counties of the Province; its agricultural interests have, in past years, been to some extent neglected, but we are happy to be able to say that that branch of industry is now receiving much more attention.

In consequence of our bordering directly on the neighbouring Republic, (now unhappily suffering from a terrible and destructive war,) our business is to some extent deranged, particularly in matters of finance.

The Fisheries of this County form an important branch of our industry; and we doubt not that much benefit may be derived from your personal attention to this and other interests; as we have good reason to believe that Your Excellency's visit to the Northern Counties of the Province has been productive of very beneficial results.

Wishing Your Excellency increased health and every gratification from your tour through this part of the Province, we beg to subscribe ourselves

Your Excellency's very obedient servants.

29th May, 1863.

REPLY.

Gentlemen.—

I thank you heartily for the Address which has just been read.

As the Representative of the Queen, I knew that I should receive a cordial welcome from the loyal inhabitants of this district, as I have from those of all other parts of the Province; but it is peculiarly agreeable to me to find that a service rendered by my father many years ago to this place is not forgotten, and that his name is still held in remembrance and in honor among you.

I regret to be informed that the trade of this place is suffering under depression, which will, I trust, prove to be but temporary; whilst I rejoice to learn that increased attention is now given to agricultural pursuits, as it is only by such attention that successful results can be obtained in this department of industry.

Whilst however I am glad to learn that your thoughts are turned rather to agriculture than to occupations of less permanent utility, I trust you will not refuse to the mineral resources of this district that share of attention which they apparently seem well to deserve.

Your good wishes for my happiness during my stay in New Brunswick cannot fail to be realized, should I be so fortunate as to be enabled in any degree, however small, to contribute to the advancement of the public good during my stay among you.

From the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of St. Stephen.

To His Excellency the Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Magistrates, Merchants, and other inhabitants of the Parish of St. Stephen and vicinity, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with the expression of our unfeigned attachment to the Throne and Person of the Queen, and of our high respect for Your Excellency as Her Majesty's representative.

We have great pleasure in offering to Your Excellency a cordial welcome to this part of the Province.

We cannot feel indifferent to the appointment to the office of Governor of this Province, of a son of such an eminent statesman as the late Earl of Aberdeen; and our hope is, that during Your Excellency's administration of the affairs of the Province, the bonds which bind us to the noble Empire of which we form a part, will be still further strengthened, and the moral and material prosperity of the Province advanced.

Your Excellency's visit to this section of the Province, affording as it does to Your Excellency an opportunity of seeing our geographical position, and of learning the nature of our commercial relations with the neighboring States, will, we feel assured, be regarded by all classes of Her Majesty's subjects here as indicative of the deep interest felt by Your Excellency in our local prosperity.

St. Stephen, June 3, 1863.