

"Since your last meeting Agricultural matters have had my attention. Regulations have been passed under the authority of the Act of last Session; and during the Summer a large importation of Stock was made from Ontario, Quebec, and the State of Illinois. At the sale of such Stock in Fredericton in October, the expenses of the Importation were largely met, and the Stock was fairly distributed over all parts of the Province. It is to be hoped that the results may encourage and justify recourse more frequently than heretofore to this mode of advancing an interest so important to the Country. I am pleased to see a growing feeling amongst the Farmers of the Province in favour of more frequent association and communication upon matters connected with the improvement of farming. A Report of the Secretary for Agriculture will be laid before you.

"The work of the Revision and Consolidation of the Public Statutes, which has been rendered more than usually difficult by the time that has elapsed since the last revision, by the number and variety of the Acts since then passed, and by the limitations imposed on the Legislative authority of this Legislature by the Union Act, is about completed, and the Report of the Commissioners appointed to perform this work will be laid before you at an early day, and a Bill introduced in revision and consolidation of the Statutes. As by this means the whole of the public statute Law will be brought before you in review, I refrain, the more especially in view of the many important alterations in the Law which have been made in the past few years, from increasing your labours by the suggestion of important organic changes; but in the consideration of the matters involved in the work of the Commissioners, I will from time to time take the opportunity to make suggestions in relation to various subjects of legislation.

*"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"The Accounts of Income and Expenditure for the past year, and Estimates of the probable Income and of the necessary Expenditure for the current year, will be laid before you. I trust you will find that the Estimates of Expenditure have been prepared with a strict regard to economy consistent with the public requirements.

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

*"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"I now commit to your careful consideration the various measures that may be submitted for your action, and in leaving you to your deliberations I have every confidence that your desire to further the general welfare will lead you to just and wise conclusions."