

"Many unavoidable circumstances of an important character operated against the Provincial Exhibition held in the City of Fredericton during the month of October last. When due allowance for these is made, however, it may be fairly affirmed that the Exhibition was satisfactorily successful. A detailed report on this subject will be submitted to you.

"During the last year my Government ordered the importation of a number of pure breed Leicester Sheep. They arrived in time for the Exhibition, and were highly commended by the best judges in such matters. A detailed statement upon this subject, also, will be laid before you.

"The Seed Wheat imported by the Government during the last Spring was very generally distributed over various sections of the Province, and so far as I can learn the results have fully justified the expenditure in that behalf.

"A large amount of intelligent consideration has been recently directed to the subject of the cultivation of Sugar Beet in different parts of the World. With a view to encourage and facilitate the fair trial of so interesting an experiment as the culture of Sugar Beet in this Province, my Government has ordered the importation of a quantity of pure and reliable seed, and due notice will be given upon its arrival. The proposed manner of distribution, together with the probable expenditure in this direction, will be submitted for your consideration. I sincerely hope the cultivation of Sugar Beet in this Province may prove successful and remunerative.

"During the recess Plans for new Legislative Buildings in Fredericton were asked for, and those received will be duly laid before you.

"The claims of my Government upon the Government of the Dominion have again received the earnest consideration of my Council, and I trust the pending negotiations will result in the early adjustment of all matters in difference in the premises, and in the adoption of such measures by the Federal Government as shall secure justice to this Province.

"Your attention will be directed to the consideration of the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Province, by vesting the powers of Legislation in one Legislative Chamber, subject nevertheless to the rights of the Crown, and under such provisions as may be deemed expedient in the interests of the People.

"You will also be asked to consider whether certain alterations may be advantageously made in the Constitution and Procedure of the Supreme Court, by which Justice may be attained more easily and expeditiously than at present, and with less expense to the suitor; and I have no doubt you will carefully weigh any proposed changes which may be submitted to you.

"Measures relating to Inspection and Inspectoral Districts under the Common Schools Act, to the Free Grants Act, to Trespasses upon Crown Lands, and to other matters of importance, will be laid before you.

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

"I have given directions that the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditures of the past year, and a detailed statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, and the Estimates for the ensuing year, be presented for your consideration.

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

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

"I now leave you to your deliberations, with implicit confidence in your desire and ability to promote the welfare of the Province, and with the Prayer that your Legislation may be guided by Wisdom from on High to wise and salutary results."