

ment had determined upon at once strengthening the armament of Newfoundland, and that a Battery of Garrison Artillery would be sent here immediately. I am happy to say that the *Magdalena*, troop-ship, arrived here on the 21st inst., and safely landed a Company of the Royal Artillery, consisting of 120 of all ranks, under the command of Major McRea.

Governor's Speech continued.

In addition to affording employment to a large number of men this winter, I am sure it must be satisfactory to you to have seen the rapid progress which has been made in laying the pipes for supplying St. John's with water.

The expense attending a work of such magnitude must necessarily be great, but the benefit of a plentiful supply of one of the chief necessities of life will be a great blessing to the people, besides being a most powerful auxiliary in lessening the risk of those conflagrations which so frequently occur in St. John's.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The accounts for the past and the estimates for the present year will be laid before you, and on you I place reliance to provide for the efficient maintenance of the public service. To meet this necessary expenditure, and to be enabled at the same time to apply part of your income to public improvements, you will perhaps find it necessary (bearing in mind that the Revenue amounts to only £81,000, a falling off from former years) to revise the Act which imposes the present Customs Duties, and also to consider whether, without injury to the Public Credit, some reduction may not be effected on the interest of the Public Debt.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I feel confident that your deliberations will afford an example of harmony which will produce a salutary effect upon the people at large, and that the only differences