

Two measures have also been prepared, and will be immediately submitted to you, the one having for its object the more efficient protection of the Crown Lands, and the other, a more easy and economical process of Escheat.

The subject of the Mines and Minerals I regret to say is still unsettled, the Home Government having been hitherto unable to come to a determination on this complicated and important question. The correspondence will shew that it has engaged the anxious solicitude of my Government, and I entertain the hope that the great interests involved will be considered and disposed of in a manner acceptable to the people.

Since the close of the last Session private enterprise has completed a Telegraphic union of the North American Provinces by a Submarine Cable, connecting Newfoundland with Cape Breton.

A still larger experiment is about to be made for carrying Telegraphic Communication across the Atlantic. The Company by whom it was projected have entered into arrangements for conveying their messages across our territory, and the inhabitants of this Province, as well as of the other parts of the American Continent, have a deep interest in their success. An intimation however has been conveyed to me that another Company, of adequate resources, proposes to lay down a Line from Ireland direct to Nova Scotia. Both parties will apply to you for legislative privileges, and I recommend their respective claims to your attentive consideration.

Be assured, gentlemen, that in this, as in every other matter affecting the welfare and progress of the people whom you represent, you may rely on my cordial co-operation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

H. A. withdraw.  
H. E. retires.

Mr. McHeffey presented a Bill to amend the Jury Law—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Speech reported.

Mr. Bell moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech—which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Address in answer moved.

To His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

*Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

# THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Parliamentary Session.

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