

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

*May it please Your Excellency :*

The undersigned, your humble petitioners, beg to represent to you :

That as citizens of the Dominion of Canada, they are greatly interested in the welfare of this country, which alone can safely advance their own personal prosperity ;

That they represent, in different degrees, the interests of trade, manufacture and agriculture, from the success of which depends their whole fortune and in the promotion of which their labors are given, as their thoughts are absorbed ;

That although they do not deny that the general condition of our industries is sound and healthy, and that trade prospects are encouraging, they believe that a greater stride towards prosperity is still attainable by the adoption of further and more fiscal and economical regulations, which will tend to secure greater advantages to the agricultural interests. Farmers are the bulk of our population, and, as in all other countries, the basis of national wealth, being as