

A conference was held at Québec in September, and the great interests involved were subsequently discussed with Her Majesty's Government, by Delegates despatched to England. All the papers connected with these negotiations will be promptly laid before you, and I shall rejoice if a common measure can be matured for the early realization of the hopes entertained from the completion of this great enterprise.

Your attention will be invited to a measure, having for its object a fairer adjustment of the division lines of the Districts, and a more judicious and equitable distribution of the Franchise.

You will be gratified to know, that, at the Industrial Exhibition, Nova Scotia was honorably distinguished; that her Court was attractive, and that those who contributed to the illustration of her resources, have not, in the distribution of prizes, been overlooked.

The experience of a year has enabled the proper officers to collect such information as will aid the Legislature to improve the measure passed at the last Session for the regulation of our Gold Fields. When the Commissioner's Report and accounts have been laid before you, your attention will be called to the consideration of the changes and modifications which would seem to be required.

For many years a stream of emigration has been passing the British Provinces into the United States. The Governments of Canada and New Brunswick have made very creditable efforts to draw into those Provinces some portion of the surplus labor of the Mother Country, and it is desirable that we should follow their example. You will be asked to consider a measure, to provide for the distribution and settlement of industrious emigrants, who may be attracted into this Province by the new light recently thrown on its resources.

Though the agricultural interests of the Province are steadily advancing, the annual Exhibitions, which, in other countries, create a generous emulation in all branches of husbandry and in the improvement of stock, are much required here. Your attention will be turned to the means, by which it is hoped the want may be supplied.

In committing to your charge the great interests of the Country, I confidently rely upon the zeal, intelligence, and public spirit, with which I know your high duties will be discharged.

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

H. E. retires.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill relating to Bankruptcy—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. Charles Dickie 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 moved.