

Your Excellency's confidence, that Her Majesty's Government and the British people will hail with unmixed pleasure and satisfaction the great project which has not only entirely arrested the attention of Her Majesty's Subjects in this and the adjoining Provinces, but has secured the hearty co-operation of the most prominent men of all parties in the great Nation on our Western Borders.

7. It is not for us now to detail the vast results to the prosperity of the Province which must ensue on the construction of the European and North American Railway, but we do not hesitate to pledge ourselves to the exertion of our best energies, and the granting of every facility within our utmost power to advance this great undertaking. Nor are we insensible to the fact, that among the many consequences which may naturally flow from the commencement of this work, it is reasonable to suppose that a great impetus would be given to the national project for connecting Halifax and the Province of Canada by the Great Trunk Railway. In connection with this subject, which deeply interests every portion of the Province, we are gratified to find that a preliminary Survey has been made of the Line of Railway between the Valleys of the Saint John and the Saint Croix. The Report which Your Excellency promises to lay before us, will be of no little value in guiding our deliberations in discussing the merits of the several routes proposed.

8. The beneficial results which have attended the recent Legislation for the encouragement of Agriculture, and the warm interest now exhibited in the Counties to advance that prominent branch of industry, cannot fail to stimulate us to renewed exertions on behalf of that ennobling pursuit.

9. We continue to feel the deepest interest in the prosperity of our Fisheries, and shall receive with great interest the information which has been communicated to Your Excellency by the Commissioner appointed to collect statistics on this most valuable branch of our resources.

10. We have every reason to believe that among the Public Works which have engaged our attention, the improvement of the Navigation of the upper Saint John is only second in importance to the construction of the Trunk Railways through the Province, and we hope that continuous efforts will be made to complete the works undertaken for that purpose.

11. The most careful consideration shall be directed to any amendments which may be necessary to perfect the details of the Law for the regulation of the Provincial Posts, and we are pleased to find that arrangements for the transfer of the Department to the Provincial controul will be soon completed by the authorities in England.

12. Entertaining as we do, a thorough conviction that the instruction of our People is the only effectual guarantee for the proper working of a Free Government,—to no subject shall we afford a greater degree of attention, than to the consideration of any measure which may be introduced to improve the Educational system now in operation in this Province.

13. We learn with satisfaction that the Conference held by Your Excellency and the Governor General, in relation to the disputed Boundary Line with Canada, has resulted in a reference to arbitration, (under the sanction of Her Majesty's Government,) of the conflicting claims of the two Provinces, and we now look forward to a speedy and satisfactory termination of the long pending dispute.

14. The mode which is still pursued in the granting Supplies, will no doubt at this, as at many other Sessions, be the subject of grave and important discussion. The present system has been frequently pointed at as defective, and as this subject is one which, as Your Excellency remarks, is peculiarly for our consideration, we trust that we shall arrive at such conclusions as shall be conducive to the Public good, and to the securing of a due responsibility in administering the Finances of the Province. Intimately connected with any change which may be made in this respect, will be found the establishment of Municipal Bodies to controul and distribute the funds for local objects and other purposes of self government, and we hope that a measure may be introduced for the establishment of such bodies in all localities where they may be demanded by the People.