

We are glad to learn that under the operation of the measures which have been recently adopted by the Legislatures of the several *North American* Provinces the inter-colonial trade is assuming proportions of increasing magnitude, and promises to become a considerable branch of our Industry; and We shall not fail to consider with the greatest attention as having an important bearing on this subject, the Despatch which Your Excellency has been pleased to promise to lay before this House, in which Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies submits for consideration a proposal for the construction of a Railway between *Halifax* and *Quebec* or *Montreal*.

We are happy to learn that for the purpose of arranging the details of a scheme of arbitration for the settlement of the dispute respecting Boundary, which has been so long pending between *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, and which has been productive of much inconvenience to both Provinces, and of no small hardship to those who are interested in the territory which is the subject of conflicting claims, Your Excellency, in accordance with a suggestion made by the Secretary of State, requested the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick* to meet Your Excellency in this City for that purpose; and We are gratified to learn that there is reason to believe that the report of the Arbitrators who are appointed in pursuance of the agreement entered into at that time by the Government of the two Provinces, will be presented at an early period.

We are glad to learn that with the concurrence of the Executive of this Province, permission has been granted by Her Majesty's Imperial Government to the Government of the *United States*, to erect a Light House on the *Horse Shoe Reef* in the *Niagara River*, at the outlet of Lake *Erie*, which We feel assured will prove highly advantageous to the shipping that frequents those waters.

We agree with Your Excellency in the opinion that though it may be yet too early to speak with confidence of the results of the great Exhibition which is now being held in *London*, we cannot but feel a just pride in learning, that from the reports which have reached Your Excellency, there is reason to hope that Canadian Produce and Industry will be found to have been not unworthily represented on this interesting occasion; and

this House agrees fully with Your Excellency, that much credit is due to those who have exerted themselves for the promotion of this object.

We will give our best attention to any measure that may be submitted to our consideration for affecting a reduction in any of the charges provided for by the Civil List Act of 1846, and we thank Your Excellency for promising to lay before us the correspondence which has passed between this Government and the Secretary of State on the subject.

We shall afford our best consideration to any measure which may be sent up for our concurrence by the other House of Parliament having for its object an increase in the Parliamentary Representation of the Province; and to the expediency of amending the School and Municipal Laws of *Eastern Canada* in some of their details, with a view of securing in a more ample manner for that section of the Province, the benefits which these enactments are designed to confer.

We feel deeply sensible that as the Province advances in wealth and population, and the authority of the Local Parliament is extended and confirmed, the responsibilities which attach to Members of this Legislature become necessarily more onerous, and we rejoice with Your Excellency that the people of *Canada*, while they justly appreciate the requirements of an age of progress, are attached to their institutions and faithful to their early traditions, and we assure Your Excellency that this House will earnestly endeavour, in humble reliance on the Divine Blessing, to promote in this spirit the best interests of the Province.

Which Address being read by the Clerk, was unanimously agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Speaker of this House.

*Ordered*, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

*Ordered*, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address.