

to cultivate those feelings of amity and good neighbourhood with the adjoining Power, in the maintenance of which both nations are equally and deeply interested.

“ There is no object connected with the improvement and future prospects of the Province to which I attach greater importance, than to the construction and improvement of Great Roads between the chief Towns and principal Settlements of the Country. Without good lines of communication, the growth and progress of a country in wealth and population must ever be precarious and slow; while on the other hand, their existence is always regarded as conclusive testimony of a prospering and flourishing community : the subject is one well worthy of your most serious and unwearied attention. Under judicious management, and a wise and well organized system of expenditure, every shilling laid out on the roads will be amply repaid in the increasing value of private property; and every new path opened into the forests, will prove a future avenue through which will be diffused the native riches of the soil.

“ My attention has already been drawn to the great advantages that would attend the construction of a good Towing Path along the banks of the Saint John, from the point where Steam Navigation ceases, to facilitate and promote the growing commercial intercourse, and inland traffic, between Fredericton and the upper country. I recommend this subject to your consideration.

“ I cannot quit this interesting topic, without warmly recommending the adoption of some well digested measures for encouraging the settlement of the Province, and for peopling, with industrious Emigrants from the Parent State, the many millions of acres of rich and fertile lands still remaining in a state of unproductive waste. As the forests recede before an active and increasing population, and as new lands appear, teeming with the natural gifts of a Beneficent Providence, we cannot doubt, with such a field for industry and enterprise to work upon, that New-Brunswick may, under the Blessing of an all-wise and over-ruling Power, soon attain a high degree of prosperity,—for as the Plough advances, Wealth and Commerce ever follow in its train.

“ I earnestly recommend to your continued protection, the defensive force of the Province. An efficient and well organized Militia is the constitutional bulwark of a brave and loyal people, and is, therefore, well entitled to the full benefit of your countenance and support. On this head, in obedience to the King's command, I shall have occasion to address you by Special Message.

“ The constant and careful superintendence of the different Seminaries of Education and Learning in the Province, must always be among the most pleasing duties of a Paternal Legislature. In reviewing your proceedings for some years back, I have marked, with satisfaction, your unwearied liberality in supporting these institutions; and your recorded opinion “ That the advancement of Literature is a real blessing to mankind,” will find a ready echo in every generous mind. With such sentiments as these before me, I need scarcely commend to your continued countenance and consideration, all the existing establishments for the diffusion of knowledge in the Province.

“ I avail myself of this early opportunity to assure you, that I take a deep and most lively interest in this Province, and that my best efforts shall at all times be zealous-ly