

The Peace and Prosperity which pervade the Province must be a source of great satisfaction to all who feel an interest in its welfare.

Although the last year has not been favourable to our Agriculture and Fisheries, we trust that no great or lasting evil will be experienced from that circumstance, and more productive seasons will reward the labours of all engaged in these honorable and useful pursuits.

We regret the distress of the new Settlers in Cape-Breton, and most sincerely thank your Excellency for the assistance you have already afforded them; should further relief be required we shall most cheerfully agree in supplying it.

We learn with much satisfaction that the Trade, Commerce and Revenue of the Province are increasing, and that all demands upon the Treasury have been satisfied. We earnestly hope, that no emergency will arise to call for Expenditures beyond the annual income of the Province.

We are much gratified by the satisfactory reports that have been received relative to the Militia, and hope it will continue to deserve your Excellency's approbation.

Your Excellency's recommendation of an improvement in the present system of expending money on the Roads shall receive our most attentive consideration; we are aware that it is a subject attended with many difficulties, but are not without hopes that some beneficial changes may be made in a service so important to the best interests of the Country.

We deeply feel how much we owe to the Almighty Giver of all Good for the Blessings which He has bestowed upon the Inhabitants of this Province. The impartial administration of justice—the rare occurrence of crime—the lightness of taxation—the watchful care of a Paternal Government—its ready attention to our wants—and all the Blessings secured to us by our Constitution and connection with the Parent State, claim our gratitude. The religious, moral and industrious habits of any Community are the surest means, under the blessing of Heaven, to produce and perpetuate the happiness and prosperity of the people; without these, the elements of wealth in which this Province abounds may be neglected or misapplied. The resources of the Country are numerous. We hope and trust that the energy and industry necessary to render them productive, will be called forth by wise and prudent Legislation. It will afford us great pleasure to unite with the other branch of the Legislature in judicious measures to effect this object; and it will be our earnest endeavour to cultivate and preserve the harmony so necessary in all Legislative proceedings.

We are assured from the experience which we have had of your Excellency's Administration, that a ready and zealous co-operation on your part, will always be afforded to carry into effect such measures as may be calculated to promote the interests and happiness of the People confided to your care by our most Gracious Sovereign.

At two of the o'clock, p. m. the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session; and having returned,

His Honor the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to give an Answer thereto, of which he had obtained a Copy, which he read, and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

The sentiments contained in this Address are most acceptable to me; I return my warmest thanks for the assurances it contains, and I fully appreciate the value of that aid and support which you have invariably afforded me.

You may be assured that I shall continue to devote myself with unabated zeal to promote the interests of the Province which our most Gracious Sovereign has been pleased to confide to my care.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow. at two o'clock.