

the many courtesies extended to them at all times by His Excellency LORD LISGAR and the Members of the Privy Council, and others, at Ottawa, while in the discharge of the duty devolved upon them; and to request Your Excellency will be pleased to cause a Copy of this Report to be transmitted to the Honorable the Secretary of State for Canada, to be laid before His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

While fully appreciating the magnitude, and the delicate and difficult nature, of the labor assigned to them by Your Excellency in Council,—and very willing, as Your Excellency was informed, to give place to others better qualified properly to perform it,—the Undersigned, upon receipt of Your Excellency's commands, felt it would be an unworthy abandonment of the position they had assumed deliberately on this subject in the Legislature, and a dereliction of duty to the Province, did they shrink from the work thus delegated to them. They beg, therefore, respectfully to assure Your Excellency that, while fully impressed with a sense of the imperfect manner in which they have discharged their duty, they have at least been actuated by a sincere and an earnest desire to secure a full measure of justice for the Province they were thus called upon to represent, and by a determination to allow no past political sentiments and no considerations of Party allegiance or attachment, to intervene between them and the attainment of that end.

Under these circumstances, they respectfully hope their humble labors may commend themselves to Your Excellency's most favorable consideration.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obed't servants,

GEORGE L. HATHEWAY,
BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
WM. WEDDERBURN.

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, October, 1871.