

We cordially respond to Your Excellency's congratulations on the condition of the Province. We feel grateful to Divine Providence for the abundant Harvest of the past Season, as well as for the success of our Fisheries. We are gratified to learn that the Market for our Staple Export has improved; and that there is such an increase of our Revenue as affords a gratifying proof of the revival of our Commerce, and the general prosperity of the People.

We thank Your Excellency for the information, that the Act to establish the University of New Brunswick is about to be confirmed by Her Majesty.

We rejoice to find that already a portion of the loyal people of this Province, have, by volunteering for drill and exercise, evinced their appreciation of the paternal care of Her Majesty's Government, in sending out so valuable a supply of Enfield Rifles; and that there is a prospect of many more Companies of our Militia following their example; and we share with Your Excellency in the satisfaction you feel at this proof of the undiminished spirit of the people, and of their wise determination to take those precautionary measures of self defence, so well calculated to insure the maintenance of Peace.

We are pleased to learn that the progress made in the construction of the Railway from Saint John to Shediac, gives reason to hope that in the course of next Summer it will be open for traffic.

We trust that the labours of the Board of Agriculture, in advancing the important Interest which it will be their duty to watch over and foster, will prove so successful as fully to realize the expectations of our Agricultural population.

It is desirable that every available facility should be given for the settlement of our vacant Crown Lands. The judicious laying out of Roads, and the survey of Tracts of Land suitable for Settlement, will, we trust, afford encouragement to persons desirous of engaging in Agricultural pursuits, to combine for the formation of new Settlements.

We shall willingly apply ourselves to the consideration of the Decimal system of computation, with the view of promoting uniformity between this and the neighbouring Provinces.

Any measure for facilitating settlements between Debtor and Creditor, shall, when laid before us, receive our careful consideration.

We shall give our attention to any legislation which may be deemed necessary to procure a correct Census of the Province.

We are glad to find that, by the settlement of conflicting claims of Lessees of Mines and the Owners of the Soil, some impediments to the development of our Mineral resources have been removed. We shall willingly take into consideration the expediency of a more searching enquiry into the character and extent of these resources in different parts of the Province.

We cordially unite with Your Excellency in the fervent hope, that our deliberations may, by the favour of Providence, conduce to the honor and welfare of the Province.

ORDERED, That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Saunders and Seely be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when this House will be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

*Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.*