

Mr. McDougall's letters published in the blue book submitted to Parliament last Session. The rest remain at George Town and I am making arrangements to get them in.

As to the contents of the 53 boxes, they were, I suspect, largely furniture, and I am able to find in the apartments occupied by the Provisional Government a considerable quantity of furniture, but I am inclined to think there are several boxes missing, of whose contents I have as yet been able to obtain no account.

I am anxious no time should be lost in pushing on the telegraph to Fort Garry. I called the attention of the Minister of Public Works to the subject before leaving Ottawa, and learned that the propositions originally made to the North West Company had been renewed with modifications.

I have since seen in an Ottawa paper, I do not know with what authority, that the propositions have been accepted. I hope it is so. It is of infinite importance to have this communication open if possible, this fall, or at all events part of the way. Be kind enough to press it on the Department and let me know as soon as possible the condition of the negotiation.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

A. G. ARCHIBALD.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces.

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*His Excellency the Honorable A. G. Archibald, a Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council for the Dominion of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Members that constituted the Council of Assiniboia, nominated by the Governor and Committee of the Honorable Hudson's Bay Company, desire to welcome Your Excellency on your arrival in this country to assume the office of Lieutenant-Governor.

We would express the hope that you may personally enjoy your residence amongst us, whilst we rejoice to believe, from the general approval which Your Excellency's appointment has met with, that your services are likely to be of great value to this country at the present delicate and critical juncture.

Your Excellency may rely on receiving from us individually, as private citizens, our best assistance in your administration of the affairs of the country, and as those who were formally accountable under the Governor appointed by the Honorable Company, for the direction of affairs, we venture to assure Your Excellency that, notwithstanding the events of the past year, you will find the people of this country loyal to Her Majesty, obedient to the laws, and ready to support Your Excellency in the just administration of them.

We look forward to a rapid change in the circumstances of this Province from the opening up of the country and the development of its resources, and we feel sure that its union with the Dominion of Canada will greatly promote this result. We would, therefore, express our pleasure at this union being now happily secured, though we are not unmindful of many acts of kindness shown from time to time by the Honorable Company to this settlement.

We would then, in welcoming Your Excellency amongst us, hope that Your Excellency may see a large development of the resources of the country, while it is under your charge, and we pray that, by the guidance and blessing of God, wise measures may be adopted, and peace plenty and prosperity be the result.

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*To the Members of the late Council of Assiniboia:—*

GENTLEMEN:—I thank you sincerely for your kind welcome. Your assurance that I may, in the administration of the affairs of this country, rely upon the assistance of the