

*To His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

**The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the People of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for the Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We receive with heartfelt pleasure the announcement of the restored health of our beloved Sovereign, who, possessing the strongest claims upon our duty and affection on Her own account, has acquired an increased title to our love and loyalty, by the birth of a Princess Royal—the Heir to Her Mother's virtues, and to a Throne based upon the imperishable love of Her People—fulfilling, under Divine Providence, the hopes which the Nation at large, and this Province in particular, had so ardently cherished; and in thus responding to Your Excellency's congratulations, we know that we reiterate the well known loyal sentiments, which have ever distinguished the Legislature and the People of New Brunswick.

The Commercial embarrassment which occurred in some parts of the Province during the past year, owing partly to the Conflagration by which the City of Saint John suffered so severely in 1839, and to other causes, well understood, we consider as a temporary evil, for which the practical knowledge of those, whose individual interests are concerned, will soon find a remedy. In the mean time we rejoice, that the assistance of the Legislature, and the spirited exertions of the Citizens themselves, have so much increased the security, health and beauty of the Commercial Capital of the Province.

In the abundance of the Harvest, the blessing of Providence has indeed been liberally extended to this and our Sister Provinces, and generally to this great Continent, during the past Season; and we join Your Excellency in the expression of a fervent hope, that by due encouragement, and the adoption of proper measures, the Inhabitants of this fine Province may soon cease to be dependent upon other Countries for their supply of Bread. A well ordered system of Immigration, ensuring a steady and adequate supply of Settlers and Labourers, of good morals and industrious habits, would greatly conduce to this most desirable end; and we beg to assure Your Excellency, that all measures proposed with a view to promote the Agricultural Interests of the Province, whether by direct Legislative aid and encouragement, the introduction of valuable Settlers, or the Survey of a part of the Wild Lands, shall receive our most careful consideration and attention.

We are aware that most of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province have, for several years past, been rapidly improving, and we are pleased to learn that they are now admitted by travellers to be equal, if not superior, to those of the surrounding Countries. It is our intention to provide for the gradual improvement and final completion of the Roads generally; and in so doing we shall pay particular attention to the important Line of Communication between Her Majesty's Upper and Lower Provinces, with a view of "meeting, by corresponding feelings, the exertions made by the Parent State, to promote a regular and rapid intercourse with the Colonies," by means of a Line of Steam Packets between England and Halifax—an establishment for which we are truly thankful.

We heartily respond to Your Excellency's congratulations, upon the arrangements in progress, under the directions of His Excellency the Governor General, for the improvement of the Mail Routes and reduction of the rates of Postage in British America.

The Report on the subject of the Coast and Harbour Fisheries, which Your Excellency has promised shall be laid before us, will be received with particular interest, and attentively considered, with the view of rendering that great source of wealth productive, and beneficial to the general interests of the Province.

The Education of Youth has ever been regarded by us as an object of paramount importance; and we shall not only continue to make liberal provision for its advancement, but shall also most heartily co-operate with Your Excellency in every measure tending