

To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS-SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of Her Majesty's Legislative Council in General Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The recent visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was extremely gratifying to the people of New Brunswick; affording them, as it did, a favourable opportunity of proving, by the enthusiasm with which they welcomed His Royal Highness, their affectionate devotion to Her Majesty's person, Her Family, and Her Throne: and it is gratifying to know that, even where the densest masses of the people were congregated, they were not more remarkable for their enthusiasm than for their orderly and exemplary conduct; and that His Royal Highness was pleased to express his warm appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of Her Majesty's faithful subjects of New Brunswick.

We concur with Your Excellency in the belief, that the general condition of the Province is such, as to call for the expression of our thankfulness. We are pleased to learn that our Commerce is healthy, that our Agriculture has prospered, that the Fisheries have been productive, that increased attention has been successfully directed to our Minerals; and, that in so important a branch of industry as our Ship building, there are gratifying proofs of revival.

We share with Your Excellency in the satisfaction you feel at the progress made in the establishment of an organized and drilled local Militia for the defence of the Province. We admire the public spirit of that portion of the force called out by Your Excellency during the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, evinced by their providing uniform at their own expense, and serving without pay; and we are gratified to learn that they presented on that occasion such a soldierlike appearance.

We thank Your Excellency for directing the Adjutant General's Report to be laid before us.

We trust the superior character of the Railway now open for traffic, and the regularity and safety with which the Trains have been run, will ensure for it public confidence.

We thank Your Excellency for promising to lay the Accounts before us, and we are pleased to learn that the earnings of the Road have exceeded the estimates.

We thank Your Excellency for taking measures to provide a Provincial Coinage suited to the Decimal system of computation, and also for obtaining a supply of Decimal Coins to meet the present requirements of the Province.

We are pleased to learn that the Schedule, Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Enumerators to be employed in taking the Census, are about to be published, and we trust the result of the enquiries to be made will afford faithful and reliable information respecting the recent progress and present condition of the Province.

We are gratified to learn that the number of Students attending the University of New Brunswick has been largely increased, and that the present condition of the Institution affords ample grounds of encouragement.

On receipt of the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Schools, we shall give our careful attention to such amendment of the Law regulating the Provincial Grammar Schools, as may be necessary in order to extend to the Youth of the Province additional facilities to secure the benefits of a liberal education.