

We trust with Your Excellency, that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, which facilitates the introduction of *Canadian* Wheat and Flour, prepared in *Canada*, into the Ports of the *United Kingdom*, will prove a valuable boon to this Province; and we thankfully accept it as a further proof of Her Majesty's unremitted care for the prosperity of this portion of Her Dominions; and we shall have great pleasure in receiving from Your Excellency a copy of the Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on this interesting subject.

We shall consider with earnest attention all measures which may come before us for the improvement of the system of Judicature in *Lower Canada*, of the Municipal Institutions, the Laws relating to Education, and the Jury system of both divisions of the United Province, of the Assessment Laws of *Upper Canada*, as well as on other important subjects.

We gratefully acknowledge the desire of becoming acquainted with the local circumstances of the country requiring attention, which induced Your Excellency to make a tour through the Province, such as the exigencies of public business would permit.

We are much pleased to learn Your Excellency's gratification in seeing a fine country advancing in improvement, and are grateful for Your Excellency's notice of the manifestations of loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign, and of personal kindness to yourself, with which Your Excellency was every where received.

We rejoice that it has been highly satisfactory to Your Excellency to witness the great works in progress, which, by means of the loan raised in England under the guarantee of the Imperial Government, the Province has been enabled to undertake or prosecute; and we hope they are calculated to extend the commerce and develop the resources of this vast country, and to increase the public revenue and general and individual wealth.

We fully concur with Your Excellency in the opinion, that, while in those parts where works of this description are in progress, Your Excellency found contentment prevailing at the prospects which they present: the desire for improved roads for the conveyance of produce to appropriate markets, noticed by Your Excellency in other parts of the country, is highly worthy of consideration, and that upon such communications the prosperity of the country must, in a great measure, depend.

We feel with Your Excellency that the anxiety expressed to Your Excellency on this subject, by the inhabitants of the Eastern Town-

ships of *Lower Canada*, where the community, almost entirely agricultural, in consequence of the heavy duties imposed on their produce in the *United States*, have lost the markets to which they had formerly recourse; while the exemption from duty in this country of similar produce of our neighbours, enables them to undersell the producers of the Eastern Townships in our own markets; and the similar complaints from other parts of the Province are also most worthy of consideration.

We concur with Your Excellency in the opinion, that whatever improvement can be afforded to our internal communications is so obviously for the advantage of the community, that any outlay devoted to that object, and consistent with the means at command, must be highly beneficial; and we deeply regret to hear from Your Excellency, that the state of the finances does not afford any immediate prospect of Parliamentary aid to meet the wishes of many Districts deeply interested in this respect.

We fully concur in Your Excellency's observations with respect to the Prisons in some portions of the Province, and thankfully acknowledge the active benevolence which induced Your Excellency to inquire into the condition of that unhappy portion of our community who are their inmates; and we shall be ready to assist Your Excellency in any investigation on this subject, in order to ascertain in what respect the Prisons of the country may be defective in requisite accommodation, with a view to the remedy of any material deficiency that may exist.

We fully agree with Your Excellency that the condition of those who are visited with the affliction of mental aberration in *Lower Canada*, now confined in the common prisons, and in some of the religious and charitable institutions, which do honor to that portion of the Province, requires for its amelioration, the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum there; and we are happy to learn from Your Excellency that measures are in progress for the permanent location of the Asylum now existing under a temporary arrangement in *Upper Canada*, and for the completion of the arrangements of that institution.

We deeply feel with Your Excellency how much the welfare of *Canada* depends on the result of the deliberations of the Legislature now assembled, and we shall endeavour to make it the sole object of our labours.

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