

more upon the permanent improvements of the Country, than the revenue of the past year has warranted them in doing.

We shall give our best attention to devising means for the better administration of justice at the Labrador; and we concur with your Excellency in your views, that whatever advantages may be conferred upon that distant part of the Colony, the expense should be mainly borne by those who more immediately reap the benefits of it.

On the subject of Local Steam, we are of opinion that it is a necessary measure to the advancement, the prosperity, and the civilization of the Country. We feel it as a boon that should only be kept back from the people from the most urgent reasons. And we sincerely hope and trust that with renewed prosperity during the coming season, the Government will be enabled to confer this great advantage on the Outports of the Colony.

We regard Direct Steam Communication with the Mother Country so essentially necessary to the advancement of our material interests, that we fervently hope the Galway or some other enterprising Company, may soon again extend this great benefit to us.

The patriotic motive which evoked the Volunteer movement in Great Britain, having been extended to this Colony, Companies were organized in St. John's and Harbor Grace, which elicited the most favorable comments of Major General Doyle on their soldier-like appearance and efficiency; latterly this has been owing in no inconsiderable degree to the great assiduity and attention which Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Coen has bestowed upon their drill and discipline, and to which, with your Excellency, we feel pleasure in bearing testimony.

We congratulate the inhabitants of St. John's upon the successful inauguration of the works of the General Water Company, which will confer inestimable benefits upon our city. Whatever remedy may be required to settle the equitable adjustment of the assessment, we will strive to effect by judicious legislation. We presume that no question will arise as to the propriety of granting to the Harbor Grace Water Company the limited guarantee which they seek. The growing prosperity of that important town demands every like fair consideration from the hands of the Government.

The samples of our minerals, and the products of our agriculture, exhibited at the International Exhibition of 1862, will, we trust, be instrumental in attracting foreign capital to our shores, and in developing the undoubted valuable mineral resources of the Colony. Agriculture, we consider, should receive the fostering hand of every paternal and enlightened government, and wherever practicable, it will prove a most valuable auxiliary to our fisheries, in furnishing our population with more certain means of existence.

The want of a good system of Currency is very much felt amongst the mercantile and operative classes, and we trust this session may not pass over without the adoption of some efficient measure for the improvement of our present monetary system.

We thank your Excellency for the promise that the accounts and