

me will be placed in your hands, and I trust you will see cause to acknowledge the industry and energy of the Gentlemen so employed.

"You will no doubt avoid all needless delay in submitting for Her Majesty's assent, in the form of Bills, those changes which may demand your immediate approval; but you will not at the same time forget the necessity for mature and anxious deliberation in such momentous questions.

"I now leave you to the discharge of your public duties, with an earnest hope that God may bless your exertions, and promote thereby the happiness and prosperity of this Province."

Mr. Botsford, from the Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. Landry, and see him qualified, reported—That they had been before the Commissioner, and that Mr. Landry had taken the oath prescribed by Law, and subscribed the Roll in their presence.

Whereupon Mr. Landry took his Seat.

Mr. Thomson then proposed the Address to His Excellency in answer to the Speech, which he read in his place; and the same being seconded by Mr. Gordon, it was handed in to the Chair, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

*To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, 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,

1. We, the Commons of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for the Speech delivered at the opening of the Session.

2. The continued prosperity enjoyed by the Province cannot but be a source of thankfulness to us all.

3. Although our last year's Agricultural operations may not have been quite as productive as those of the preceding year, yet we feel that we have no cause to complain, especially as any deficiency on that score has been amply made up by the remunerating prices of our Staple Exports.

4. The demand for our Ships, and their deservedly increasing reputation in different parts of the World, we hail as a source of pride and wealth to the Province.

5. The success of our Fisheries is an additional cause of thankfulness, and the protection afforded by the British Government to that important and growing branch of our Provincial resources, we readily acknowledge and highly appreciate.

6. We feel grateful to Divine Providence that New Brunswick has escaped the visitation of those diseases to which other parts of this Continent have been subject; a gratifying proof of the salubrity of our climate.

7. While we feel with Your Excellency that the People of this Province have cause to be thankful that the Storm of War which now unhappily impends over Europe does not disturb our peaceful shores, we readily respond to the belief expressed by Your Excellency, that, in case of need, the people of this Province, always celebrated for their attachment to the Parent State, will never be found wanting in loyalty to our Gracious Queen, or in sympathy and co-operation with our fellow subjects in maintaining and upholding the honor and glory of the British Flag.

8. We are gratified to learn that the Rail Road from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to Saint John is progressing, and at the confidence expressed by Your Excellency in the integrity and resources of the Contractors for the construction of that great and important work.

9. While we are aware that the unprecedented Floods during the past Autumn have caused serious damage to many of the Roads and Bridges, and that those disasters must have occasioned considerable advances from the Provincial Funds in order to the maintenance of the public communications, we are glad to learn that Your Excellency has taken the necessary steps to lay before us reliable information in regard to those Bridges still requiring immediate repairs, or renewal. That a more efficient and reliable system