

well as to the mode of dispensing it, which, with all the precautions that, under the present system, can be observed, is still deficient in incentives to self-reliance on the part of the able-bodied poor, and calculated rather to increase than to check pauperism.

I commend these matters to your careful consideration in the hope that you may be able to devise remedies for what cannot but be regarded as growing evils.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of Her Majesty's Council :*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The laws relating to Education, and to the administration of Justice in the Outports, will again come under your revision. I shall be happy to concur with you in any well-considered enactment which you may adopt for the furtherance of objects so important to the present and future well-being of all classes of the community.

The encouragement of Agriculture, with a due regard to the peculiarities of this soil and climate, but especially the introduction, breeding, and rearing of live-stock of a superior kind, deserve your consideration. By these means the employments and interests of our increasing population will be diversified and augmented, and the general good be advanced.

In fulfilment of the benevolent provisions of the Legislature, I have, during the recess, had the gratification of laying the foundation stone of an Asylum for the reception and curative treatment of Pauper Lunatics. Satisfactory progress has been made in the construction of that portion of the building for which funds were provided. The Report of the Commissioners I shall direct to be laid before you ; and I congratulate you on the near prospect of the completion of an Institution in which may be put in practice the most approved methods of ameliorating the condition of this most unhappy class of our fellow beings.

Through the mercy of Providence, there has been no actual necessity, during the past year, for putting the Quarantine Act in operation. I deem it right, nevertheless, to impress upon you the importance of supplying any defects there may be in the existing Laws for the removal of nuisances, and for enforcing general cleanliness so essential to the public health.

I will only further detain you in assuring you that upon the subjects to which I have called your attention, and on others which may be discussed in either branch of the Legislature, I shall be happy to facilitate to the utmost of my power your labors for the promotion of the public good.

Mr. BEMISTER moved, seconded by Mr. Warren,