

the Bridges are frequently subjected to injury by events of a similar character. Moreover, the cost of the repairs, or re-construction of Bridges, consequent on the ordinary wear and tear of these works, amounts annually to a considerable sum. It is therefore, in my judgment, well worthy of your consideration, whether it would not be true economy for the future to incur some additional expenditure in the first erection of Bridges, by the careful selection of the best form of construction, and of the most durable materials, with the view of decreasing the expense of the ordinary repairs of the Bridges, when built, and rendering them less liable to accidental injury.

*" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

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

" The insufficiency of the existing system of Audit has, during the recess, engaged my attention and that of my Council, and arrangements are now in progress, which will, I trust, secure an adequate and efficient examination and supervision of the Public Accounts of the Province.

" I recommend you to consider, whether the present system of management of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, is not susceptible of improvement. You may probably be able to devise means whereby increased efficiency may be given to this important department of the public service.

" The number of Immigrants who have annually settled here, has hitherto been comparatively small. But the vast extent of productive land still unoccupied, and the great, but imperfectly developed natural resources, both Mineral and Agricultural, of the Province, offer to Immigrants the prospect of profitable employment for labour and capital, and, at the same time, render an additional supply of both, important to the present and future prosperity of the Province.

" I recommend you to consider whether means may not be adopted for the further promotion, under proper safeguards, of Immigration.

" I am well aware that the inhabitants of New Brunswick yield to none of Her Majesty's subjects, in the ardour of their aspirations for the success of Her Majesty's Arms, in admiration of the brilliant valour of the Allied Armies, and in sympathy with those, whom successive victories, achieved for the public good, have overwhelmed with private sorrow and domestic distress: And, while we join in the expression of an earnest hope, that the labours which you are now about to commence, will, under Providence, contribute to promote the happiness and prosperity of this Province, we shall unite in a heartfelt prayer that the Almighty may bless with success the Military and Naval Forces of the British Empire, and in due time crown that success with an honorable, sure, and lasting Peace."

Which being ended, the House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

An Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, is moved and seconded; which being read—

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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