

To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNEBS-SUTTON, 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 faithful Commons of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

2. The recent visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales afforded to the people of New Brunswick a gratifying opportunity of manifesting to the Heir to the Throne their loyalty to their Queen.

3. It is gratifying to know that the orderly and enthusiastic reception given to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was duly appreciated and regarded by His Royal Highness as an additional proof of the affectionate and devoted loyalty of the people of New Brunswick to His Illustrious House.

4. We agree with Your Excellency that the general condition of the Province is a subject of thankfulness; that our Commerce is healthy, the labours of the Husbandman and the Fisherman have been bountifully rewarded, the Mineral resources of the Province are being developed, and Ship building is reviving.

5. We unite with Your Excellency in the expression of our satisfaction in the progress which has been made in the organization of a local Military Force, and at the soldierlike appearance the Volunteers presented during the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

6. We thank Your Excellency for having directed the Report of the Adjutant General of Militia to be laid before us.

7. It is satisfactory to be informed that the Railway from Saint John to Shediac has been opened for traffic, and we hope that the character of the Road and the regularity and safety with which Trains have been run, will ensure public confidence; it is also gratifying to learn that the earnings of the Road have exceeded the estimate.

8. We are pleased to learn that measures have been adopted to procure a Provincial Decimal Coinage, and that in the meantime a supply has been obtained for present purposes.

9. We thank Your Excellency for having directed the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, and Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the current year, to be laid before us; and it is highly gratifying to know that the Revenue exceeded that of any previous year, and was more than sufficient to provide for all ordinary services.

10. We will consider the propriety of adopting the system of the prepayment of Postage on Letters.

11. We thank Your Excellency for informing us of the preparation of the Schedule of enquiries to be made by the Enumerators, and of the Rules and Regulations for their guidance in taking the Census, and unite in the hope that the result of their enquiries will faithfully exhibit the recent progress and present condition of the Province.

12. We are gratified to learn that the University of New Brunswick has been organized, that the number of Students who have availed themselves of the advantages it offers is increasing, and that the present condition of the Institution affords ample ground for encouragement.

13. We thank Your Excellency for having directed the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Schools to be laid before us, and we will consider whether means may not be adopted to improve the Grammar Schools, and