

"Some further revision of the Election Laws will also be required.

"The Act of 1844, for the settlement of the Indian Reserves, has been found to be defective, without amendment, for the attainment of the objects contemplated.

"The views of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the Act of the last Session for the regulation of King's College, will be communicated to you, and I hope will meet with your concurrence and support.

"Abstracts of the Reports of the Inspectors of the Parochial and other Schools having been printed for greater facility of reference, I rely on your adoption of effectual measures to remedy their acknowledged defects.

"Various Reports relative to the erection of a Provincial Lunatic Asylum will be laid before you, and which, from the condition of that afflicted class of persons in the present defective establishment, will claim your early consideration.

"Some improvements will be required in the Provincial Penitentiary for the better security and accommodation of its inmates.

"The Survey undertaken by Her Majesty's Government, with a view to the opening of a Military Road through these Provinces, having been ably executed by the Officers employed upon it, a proposal has for some time been under consideration for the construction of a Railway, for which the Country has been found to present great facilities. The intercourse arising from the completion of such a work, and the vast impulse it would give to the settlement of the Province, and the development of its resources, entitle it to all the encouragement you may be prepared to afford to the undertaking.

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

"As the Revenue of the last year has considerably exceeded an average amount, giving proof of the growing prosperity of the Province, I hope that it will be found practicable to effect such a reduction of the Import Duties as will tend further to extend its Commerce, and lead to the liberation of the intercolonial Trade in particular from the injurious restrictions imposed on it.

"The Provincial Accounts made up for the past year, and duly audited, will be laid before you, with the estimates for the current year.

"Some Reports which I have obtained from the Supervisors and Commissioners of Roads will be communicated to you, and will suggest the advantage of acquiring accurate information as a guide in making appropriations for such works.

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

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

"The Commissioners appointed to carry into effect the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Washington, and who have prosecuted their labours with great assiduity, have made several Reports to me for the information of Her Majesty's Government, Copies of which will be laid before you.

"I regret that it has not been found practicable to effect a satisfactory arrangement with the Government of Canada, for defining the Boundary between the two Provinces. The negotiation having been finally closed by the Governor General, after a protracted correspondence, the question has been again referred to Her Majesty's Government, by whom the claims of New Brunswick will, I doubt not, be duly considered. Meanwhile, the jurisdiction of this Province, which has been heretofore exercised over the Territory in dispute, has continued to be maintained.

"In the present aspect of affairs; and from the many and urgent claims upon your attention, I rely on your application to the business of the Session with that cordial unanimity which will evince at once your public spirit, and your regard for the welfare of a people so distinguished for loyalty to their Sovereign and attachment to the Institutions of their Country, and who, I earnestly hope, under Providence, may be secured in the peaceful possession of the blessings, which as British subjects they have so long cherished and so justly appreciated."

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