

"You will, I am sure, recollect with satisfaction and pride that, even in the most populous localities, where dense masses were congregated together, the people were no less orderly than enthusiastic: And I feel great pleasure in being able to assure you, that His Royal Highness recognized and warmly appreciated the unanimous and eager display of their affectionate devotion to Her Majesty's Person, Her Family, and Her Throne.

"I am happy in believing that the general condition of the Province is such as to call for the expression of satisfaction and thankfulness. Our Commerce is healthy: Agriculture has prospered: The Fisheries have been productive: Increased attention has been successfully directed to the Minerals of the Province: And renewed activity in the Ship Yards is a gratifying proof of the revival of an important Branch of our Industry.

"You will, I am confident, share the satisfaction which I feel at the progress which has been made in the establishment of an organized and drilled local Military Force for the defence of the Province. The soldierlike appearance of the Militia Force, serving without pay, and uniformed at their own expense, called out by me during the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was highly satisfactory; creditable to the Force and to the Province.

"I have given directions that the Report of the Adjutant General of Militia shall be laid before you.

"In the course of the past year, the Railway from Saint John to Shediac was opened for traffic. The superior character of the work, and the regularity and safety with which the Trains have been run, will, it is hoped, ensure public confidence.

"Accounts will be laid before you, shewing the expenditure on these works, and the Revenue derived from the traffic thereon. You will observe with satisfaction that the earnings of the Road have exceeded the estimate.

"Measures have been adopted for procuring a Provincial Coinage suited to the system of Decimal computation. In the meantime I have obtained a supply of Decimal Coins which will, I trust, meet the present requirements of the Province.

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

"The Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year will be laid before you.

"It affords me pleasure to inform you that the Revenue of that year exceeded the Revenue of any previous year, and that it was more than sufficient to provide for all the ordinary services of the year.

"I have given directions that the Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the current year shall be submitted to you.

"I recommend you to consider whether a uniform system of pre-payment of Postage on Letters may be adopted with advantage.

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

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

"I have directed the preparation of a Schedule of the enquiries to be made by the Enumerators, and of Rules and Regulations for their guidance, in taking the Census, which will be published in the Royal Gazette. I hope that the result of these enquiries will afford faithful and reliable information respecting the recent progress and present condition of the Province.

"The University of New Brunswick has been organized. The number of Students attending the Lectures and deriving benefit from a course of