

application of those principles. We shall give our serious attention to this subject, and also to the encouragement of the applications of industry in new directions, especially as regards the affording inducements to resume the prosecution of the Bank Fisheries, which we deem of very great importance in the present condition of the Country.

In accordance with Your Excellency's recommendation with reference to fostering improvement in Agriculture and other branches of husbandry, encouraging the breeding of Sheep and the establishment of permanent provision for Highways, we beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall be prepared to give every consideration to any measure having in view the accomplishment of such desirable objects.

The other measures of public utility which Your Excellency has informed us will be introduced by the Government, among which is that having reference to the great cause of Education, shall have our earnest attention ; and we fully concur with Your Excellency as to the advantages to be derived from the establishment of a Normal Training School for Teachers.

We fully agree with Your Excellency as to the importance of protecting our Salmon Fisheries, and we shall be ready to adopt your suggestion of enquiring into the subject, and endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to the practicability of establishing a Marine Police for their preservation.

We are gratified to learn that the Volunteer organization has been successful, and that the several corps enrolled have displayed such efficiency.

We are pleased to find that the provisions of the Act for the regulation of the Currency have been put into force—that the debased copper currency has been superseded, and that gold and silver coin are in preparation for more fully carrying out the intention of the Act. We shall consider the steps necessary in order to perfect the adjustment of the Metallic Currency of the Colony.

The consolidation and codification of our Local Statutes is a work which, if effectually performed, would be of infinite advantage to the public.

We thank Your Excellency for the promise to lay before us the Public Accounts and Estimates ; and it affords us much pleasure to be informed that the Revenue for the last year is above an average amount.

The subject of the proposed Confederation of the British North American Provinces is one of the greatest interest and importance ; and we concur with Your Excellency that it should be approached in a spirit of calm enquiry, keeping in view as well the present, as the probable future, effects on the people of this Colony.

We thank Your Excellency for the promised Report of Mr. Murray, the Geological Surveyor. His opinion upon the mineral resources of