

"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 prepayment 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 Academic discipline in the University, has been largely increased; and the present condition of the Institution affords ample ground for encouragement.

"The Report of the Chief Superintendent of Schools will be laid before you: I recommend to your consideration, whether the Law which regulates the Provincial Grammar Schools may not be revised with advantage, and additional facilities afforded to Parents in different parts of the Province in obtaining for their Sons the benefits of sound instruction in the elementary branches of a liberal Education.

"It will afford me sincere satisfaction if you should be able to devise means, whereby a larger number of Immigrants may be induced to share, and by their industry still further to promote, the prosperity of the Province.

"Under the provisions of the Act to establish a Provincial Board of Agriculture, the first Provincial Exhibition will be held this year. You may deem it wise to consider whether the enquiries and arrangements connected with this Exhibition may not be combined with preliminary steps for the representation of the Province, both in natural products and articles of manufacture, at the Exhibition in London next year.

"We continue to enjoy peace and contentment. Recognizing with deep thankfulness these inestimable blessings, you will, I know, see additional reasons for venerating the Institutions, which are, under Providence, the surest safeguards for liberty and order."

Mr. Chandler, a Member for the County of Charlotte, then proposed the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to the Speech, which he read in his place; and the same being seconded by Mr. W. E. Perley, a Member for the County of Sunbury, it was handed in to the Chair, where it was again read, and is as followeth:—