

to Her Majesty, on the subject of the construction of the Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec.

Message to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To inform them of the appointment of such Committee.

Com. report Address
to H. M. on Rail-
way.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in preparing an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the construction of the Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec, reported the draft of an Address, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia.

May it please Your Majesty :

Address.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to thank Your Majesty for the gracious offer made to the North American Provinces, in the letter addressed by the Under Secretary of State to the Delegate from Nova-Scotia on the 10th of March last.

The construction of Trunk Lines of Railway through these Provinces must advance their material prosperity—multiply their commercial and social advantages, in tranquil times, and greatly strengthen them should the peace of this Continent be broken.

Strongly impressed with the high political and industrial interests involved in the completion of these great Highways, the Legislature of Nova-Scotia have not only cheerfully made provision for that part of the Main Trunk Line which crosses this Province, but, with a view to relieve a Sister Colony have also pledged the Public Revenues for the extension of that Line far into the bosom of New Brunswick.

While we have done this, and while we have felt deeply sensible of the substantial service to be rendered to the Colonies by the interposition of Imperial credit, we will not disguise from Your Majesty that a very strong feeling prevails that the great interests at stake upon this Continent would warrant some direct aid from the Imperial Treasury.

The same policy which secured the Highlands of Scotland from disquiet, which has bridged the Ocean with noble Steamships, would seem to justify direct aid to a great national work, that, however desirable, the Provinces are scarcely able to accomplish.

This Railway will, we trust, before many years, be extended across this Continent, securing to the Mother Country, upon British soil, and under the protection of the National Flag, and of the Queen's own Subjects, easy and rapid communication not only with the rising Communities upon the Pacific, but with the rich and populous Provinces, and Nations which lie beyond.

With entire confidence in the wisdom of Our Sovereign, and the liberality of the Imperial Parliament, we commend this great subject to their care, having given to it all the aid which can be justified by the limited resources of our Country.

Adopted.

Unanimously Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Report Address to
H. E.

The Chairman also reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

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