

before the Throne ; and I have much pleasure in signifying to you, in accordance with the instructions which I have received, the gratification which Her Majesty has derived from this loyal and dutiful Address.

“ I have given directions that there should be laid before you, a copy of the Proclamation which, by the advice of my Council, I issued on the 11th of November, for the admission into this Province, duty free, but under Bonds, of the articles specified in the Schedule of the Act for giving effect on the part of the Province of New Brunswick, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

“ A simultaneous concession of a similar character was made by the Government of the United States with respect to the corresponding articles the production of this Province. The whole of the provisions of the Act were thus practically brought into operation without delay, and the Trade of this Province with the United States, was at once relieved from the uncertainty, which is necessarily attendant on a prospective alteration of Duties.

“ Considerable inconvenience has for some time been experienced in this Province from the insufficiency of the supply of Copper Coin.

“ I am happy to be able to announce to you, that this deficiency no longer exists. The Copper money, of the value of three thousand pounds, currency, which has been prepared for the use of this Province, under the directions of Her Majesty's Government, has been received, and this Coin now forms, under Her Majesty's Proclamation to that effect, a part of the legal currency of New Brunswick.

“ I invite your attention, during your present Session, to the Laws which regulate the election of Members of the House of Assembly.

“ The number of instances, in which the validity of the return made by the Sheriff has been impugned and a scrutiny demanded, cannot fail to have attracted the notice of the Legislature. I recommend such a revision of the Law as will prevent a recurrence of the serious evils and difficulties now experienced.

“ The subject of Education is of vast importance to the moral and social well-being of the people of this Province ; and I am sure that you will approach the consideration of it with that care which the magnitude of the interests involved demands.

“ The Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into King's College will be laid before you.

“ The course of the past year was marked by events so momentous in their character, and which have exercised so wide and baneful an influence on the Trade and Commerce of the world, that we might, with reason, have expected a far more severe check to the prosperity of this Province, than any which it has hitherto experienced. But although many circumstances have combined to decrease materially the value of the principal article of export from this Province, and to cause depression in some branches of Trade, we have been exempt from any violent crisis of commercial embarrassment and distress.

“ The future prosperity of New Brunswick greatly depends on the continued and improved culture of the soil, and the importance of Agriculture is not diminished by the increase of commercial activity in the Province.

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