

8°. Your attention will be invited to a measure, having for its object a fairer adjustment of the division lines of the districts, and a more judicious and equitable distribution of the Franchise. You will be gratified to know that at the Industrial Exhibition Nova Scotia was honorably distinguished, that her Court was attractive, and that those who contributed to the illustration of her resources, have not, in the distribution of prizes, been overlooked.

9°. The experience of a year has enabled the proper officers to collect such information as will aid the Legislature to improve the measure passed at the last session, for the regulation of our Gold Fields. When the Commissioner's report and accounts have been laid before you, your attention will be called to the consideration of the changes and modifications which would seem to be required.

10°. For many years a stream of Emigration has been passing the British Provinces into the United States. The Governments of Canada and New Brunswick have made very creditable efforts to draw into those provinces some portion of the surplus labor of the Mother Country, and it is desirable that we should follow their example. You will be asked to consider a measure to provide for the distribution and settlement of industrious emigrants, who may be attracted into this province by the new light recently thrown on its resources. Though the agricultural interests of the province are steadily advancing, the annual exhibitions, which, in other countries create a generous emulation in all branches of husbandry and in the improvement of stock, are much required here. Your attention will be turned to the means by which it is hoped the want may be supplied. In committing to your charge the great interests of the country, I confidently rely upon the zeal, intelligence, and public spirit, with which I know your high duties will be discharged.

Mr. Blanchard, pursuant to leave given, presented to the House a bill to provide for the registry of births, marriages, and deaths; and the same was read a first, and ordered to be read a second, time.

Bill *pro forma*,  
Registration of  
births, &c.

Mr. S. Campbell then proposed the following Address in answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Governor, and moved that the same do pass, viz.:

Address moved.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
THE EARL OF MULGRAVE,

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-  
Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

1°. We, the Representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session of the Provincial Parliament.

2°. We feel, with your Excellency, that it becomes us reverently to thank Almighty God for the privileges we enjoy, for the blessings of peace, and for the rewards, which in the happy condition of the country, are offered to the enterprize and industry of the people.

3°. We are pleased to be informed that the depression of trade, which succeeded the first outbreak of the American war, has been followed by a favorable reaction, and that our merchants and shipowners are enjoying the benefits of the improved condition of mercantile affairs.

4°. We are gratified to learn that in the most important branches of our Provincial industry, the exertions of the year have been rewarded by a success very generally diffused.

5°. We learn with great pleasure, that the satisfactory increase in the Revenue has enabled your Excellency to close the year with a handsome surplus in the treasury, after meeting, in addition to interest on the bonded debt, and the ordinary demands of the year, the amount borrowed under the act of last session.

6°. It gives us pleasure to be informed of the large increase in the revenue of the Railway, and that the excess of the revenue over the outlay is nearly equal to one-sixth of the interest upon the cost of construction.