

which was notoriously carried out (to a limited extent) under the most unfavorable circumstances.

7.—While we regret, with your Excellency, that the good faith due to existing contracts prevents the Imperial Government from at once acceding to our desires in reference to this subject, at the same time we beg to assure you that it will afford us much pleasure to co-operate with Your Excellency in making such provision out of the financial resources of the Colony as may be compatible with its circumstances to promote those increased facilities of locomotion and postal communication which our Geographical position so highly favors and our commercial exigencies so imperatively demand.

8.—In our solicitude for the public service, ample provision shall be made in due time to meet its various requirements.

9.—We thank Your Excellency for your promise to lay before us the several documents referred to in your Excellency's gracious Speech.

10.—Regarding as we do the state of the financial relations of the Colony and the indications of future progress in our commercial and fiscal operations, we concur with Your excellency in the expediency of considering whether the principles of Free Trade may be advantageously extended, by admitting duty free, from whatever country imported, those articles which are now exempted only when the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, or of Great Britain, or the British North American Colonies, if the same can be done without impairing the revenue.

11.—We are happy to find, that the result of your Excellency's visit during the recess to the various outports of the Island and several harbors of Labrador has been such as to confirm the impression previously received of the great value of our Fisheries and their remarkable adaptation, in their various branches, as the chief pursuit of the people, to the peculiar physical characteristics of the country, and we fully participate in the opinion formed by your Excellency, as to the magnitude and importance of the Import and Export Trade prosecuted at Labrador, not only by the people of this Island, but also by Mercantile houses in the mother country and numerous transient traders from the neighbouring Colonies and the United States; whose extensive traffic, being largely maintained and ministered to by the temporary migration in considerable numbers of the operative population of Newfoundland, should find a prominent place in our Customs Records.