

ous degrees of prosperity, we cannot but reflect how few of them enjoy the peaceful tranquillity with which this portion of His Majesty's dominions is blessed. Among the great natural advantages which Nova-Scotia possesses, I consider the industrious contentment of her people as the surest guide to lead them to a proper use of these bounties of an Almighty Providence.

I am happy to think, that I have not any unfavorable report to lay before you of the general state of the Province ; although, like others, we also have our difficulties.

It is to be regretted, that our Fisheries have not been so successful this past season, as they have been in former years ; and that our Trade still feels the effects of the general embarrassment of Commerce.

The Agriculture of the Province prospers to my utmost wish :—Under the sanction given in the last Session of the Legislature to this Branch of the Public Interest, by the Institution of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, no less than twenty Societies have been formed for the encouragement and improvement of Farming. The zealous exertions of these Societies have done much good around them almost every where. The mind of the people is roused to this pursuit ; and a manly emulation has spread abroad the blessed influence of active Industry.

It is a pleasing part of my duties to suggest to your consideration such new subjects as present themselves in the rapid steps of our improvement ; and I confidently trust, that the Legislature will enable me to promote and confirm this prosperous march.

The want of an accurate Survey of the Province, has been long felt as a very serious inconvenience ; and one that necessarily increases with the increasing settlement of the Forest Lands : I recommend this to your attention, as a matter if not absolutely necessary, at least as highly desirable—and, I think, of easy accomplishment.

I also submit to your consideration the practicability of a Canal, to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Minas, by the Lakes of Shubenacadie. This is a work of great importance, and to be attempted with caution : It promises great public advantages ; but I do not know the extent of its difficulties—and to ascertain these, by competent Engineers, is all I mean to suggest at present.

The improvement of the public roads will, as heretofore, have your attentive consideration ; and, with them, I again recommend the roads lately opened into the Military, and other new Settlements ; which, I am happy to say, are prospering to my best expectations.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The Public Accounts will be laid before you ; and, I trust it will appear that the Supplies granted to His Majesty in the last Session, have been carefully and faithfully applied.

Although the Revenue has not augmented largely ; still, it has been increasing in the course of this year. I must, however, again advise a prudent application of the Funds that shall be found to be disposable for Public Services.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

His Majesty's American Provinces have lately sustained a severe loss, in the death of the Governor-General, the Duke of Richmond. This event, most sudden and unexpected, has been generally and justly lamented ; and deeply so in Canada, where his Grace's able Administration, his manly character, and mild and amiable manners, had gained him the confidence and affection of the country.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been most graciously pleased to honor me with that important command ; and to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir James Kempt, to the Government of this Province.

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