

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

I have to thank you for the supplies you have granted for the public service. The largely increased provision made for the Educational and Road and Bridge services cannot fail to afford much advantage and satisfaction to the country.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

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

The measure intended to advance the Educational interests of the Country has received my ready assent, calculated as it is to be of inestimable service to all classes of the people.

The action of the Legislature touching the proposed Union of the Maritime Provinces has been marked by a unanimity which augurs favorably for the future of that great question.

The provision made for the extension of the existing lines of railway, will, I trust, result in rendering the large expenditure already made on these works more useful and productive than it has hitherto been.

The act providing for the appointment of an Equity Judge will, I have reason to believe, materially facilitate the administration of justice, an object of the highest importance to the whole people.

Among a great number of measures of the most valuable character, which have been passed or amended, during the Session now about to close, I may particularly refer to those providing for the

Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths; Marine Courts of Enquiry; the Improvement of Agriculture; the Protection of the River Fisheries; the Administration of the Coal and Gold Mines; the amendment of the Laws relating to the Militia, and to the Post Office and Revenue Departments.

In parting with you upon the termination of this first Session of the present Parliament, it affords me no little satisfaction to know that the deliberations of the Representatives of the People have been marked by unusual harmony,—and I fervently pray, that the same disposition to unite in advancing the best interests of this loyal prosperous Colony may be exhibited throughout every section of the Country.

DIVISION ON THE EQUITY BILL.

The House then divided as follows on the second reading of the Equity Bill:—

*For the Second Reading*—John Campbell, Caldwell, Hatfield, Pryor, Kauback, Whitman, D. Frazer, McKay, Jost, Allison, Lawrence, King, Solicitor General, Bill, Tobin, Hamilton, P. Smyth, McDonnell, Donkin, Miller, Slocumb, McFarlane, Longley, Bourinot, Provincial Secretary, J. Frazer, Financial Secretary, Shannon, More, Hill, Cowie, Robicheau, McKinnon, Colin Campbell, Charles Campbell, 85.

*Against it*—Heffernan, Blackwood, McLellan, Locke, S. Campbell, Parker, Blanchard, Robertson, Balcom, Coffin, Ross, Archibald Killam, 13.

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