

selves to be one people with their fellow Subjects in the British Islands; and may increase in wealth, prosperity and contentment, founded on the possession and rational enjoyment of a free and essentially British Constitution.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I have unfeigned satisfaction in informing you, that Her Majesty's Government have redeemed in the fullest manner the munificent promise made by their Predecessors to guarantee the Loan contemplated by this Province; and I shall lay before you without delay the Act of the Imperial Parliament which gives effect to their intention. I have been in correspondence with Her Majesty's Government upon the mode in which the assistance thus given can be made most available to the Province, and I shall have occasion to make an important communication to you upon this subject. In the mean time I have adopted every means at my command, to obviate the inconveniences of delay, and to advance the Public Works; and I hope before the expiration of the present season to be able to extend them considerably. I have directed that full information as to the operations of the past year shall be laid before you.

It has been found impracticable to carry into effect in *England* the arrangement proposed last year for the assistance of deserving Emigrants. In redemption, however, of the pledge made upon this subject, Her Majesty's Government have obtained from Parliament a grant of money in aid of destitute Emigrants upon their arrival in this Country. It will meanwhile be satisfactory to you to know that, although the number of Emigrants who have arrived directly from the Mother Country or through the neighbouring States, during the present season, has been much larger than during the corresponding period of last year, no serious destitution has prevailed among them, which would render it necessary for me to apply to you to devise means for their relief; and I have every reason to hope that there are the best prospects of their ultimate success and prosperity.

The condition of the public Revenue is highly satisfactory. The patriotic measure adopted by the Legislature during the past Session to provide by means of increased taxes upon imports for restoring the credit of the Province, and meeting the charge about to be created for the completion and extension of the Public Works, has been eminently suc-

cessful. The tariff of the Imperial Parliament for the British Possessions in *North America*, framed, as it is, in a most generous spirit as regards this Province, will promote essentially its financial and commercial interests. The provisions of the Imperial Act will probably call for corresponding alterations in the Provincial scale of duties; and I shall at an early period require your advice and assistance in making the Revenue Laws of this Province consistent in themselves and harmonious with the enactments of the Imperial Parliament.

Her Majesty's Government have evinced a most liberal disposition in the consideration of the Duties on Agricultural produce, in connexion with the Trade of *Canada*; and I am led to hope that an arrangement may be made to extend the market for Canadian produce, in a manner alike advantageous to this Province and the Mother Country.

I have directed that the accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, with the Estimates for the ensuing year, be laid before you.

*Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:*

I have given much attention to the operation of the great measures passed last Session, and I shall have occasion to propose to you modifications in certain of them, with the view of giving effect to their provisions, in development of the principles on which they are founded, and in harmony with the spirit of those institutions under which they are framed.

The important measure for the establishment of District Councils, the details of which experience alone could perfect, will come under revision; and I hope for your cheerful aid in considering the amendments which will be proposed, with the view of removing all obstacles to the smooth and efficient operation of these institutions.

I have endeavoured to work out the objects which the Legislature contemplated in passing an Act for the promotion of Education; and I have not hesitated to adopt such measures as I deemed to be indispensable to the accomplishment of their intentions, until the subject could again be brought under their consideration; but it will be necessary to introduce several amendments into the measure in order to insure its successful and beneficial operation. In the meantime it is gratifying to notice the impulse which has been given to Education in its higher as well as in its elementary branches,