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Chamber.

At two of the clock, P. M., 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., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech :

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

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

Speech.

The year which has just closed, will be ever honorably distinguished, by the visit to this Continent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In no part of Her Majesty's dominions was the reception of the Heir Apparent more tasteful and appropriate, or more loyal and enthusiastic, than in this Province; and it affords me infinite pleasure, to be able to assure you, that His Royal Highness returned to England most favorably impressed with the scenes through which he passed, with the unanimity that characterised, and the order which controlled, our public displays; and above all, with the attachment to the Throne, and veneration for the virtues which adorn it, so universally diffused among the population of Nova Scotia.

It will, I am sure, be gratifying to you, to learn that this year we shall again be honored by a visit from another member of the Royal Family; as Her Majesty's Ship St. George, in which His Royal Highness Prince Alfred is serving as a Midshipman, has been ordered to join the North American Squadron, and will visit Halifax next summer.

The Legislature, during last Session, having placed at my disposal the means necessary for the formation and organization of Volunteer Corps, I have not failed to use my best endeavours to encourage the loyal spirit which has been evinced by the inhabitants of this Colony, who, at considerable pecuniary sacrifice and inconvenience, have voluntarily enrolled themselves for the defence of their country. It affords me much satisfaction to inform you, that the movement, although still in its infancy, is progressing most favorably. In the rural districts twenty-one companies have already been formed. Duly qualified instructors have been appointed to superintend their training, and by this means, I trust that they will shortly equal in efficiency those metropolitan corps, whose appearance and discipline, during the late visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, reflected so much credit on the Colony, and elicited the praise of all who saw them.

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

The Public Accounts of the past, and the estimates for the current year, shall be laid before you without delay.

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

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

It affords me great satisfaction to be able to inform you that the Revenues of the past year are far in excess of those collected in any preceding year of our Provincial history. They have been amply sufficient to meet all the obligations of the Government at home and abroad—to cover services not likely to recur—and to justify the conviction, that, in providing liberally for internal improvements, the resources of Nova Scotia have not been miscalculated or her credit overstrained.

You will learn with satisfaction, that while our Railways have been worked without serious accident, or loss of life, a judicious economy, in the management of them, has restored confidence in their productive power.

The extension of the Railway system is anxiously looked for by the population that lie beyond their present termini; and it will be for you to judge,