

*Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Hazen,
Mr. Gilbert.*

*Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Odell,*

PRAYERS.

On motion—

The House went into consideration of the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The said Address being read, was adopted by the House, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

We desire cordially to unite with Your Excellency in acknowledging the hand of a kind Providence in continuing to us the prosperity we have so long enjoyed.

The very general interest which has latterly been evinced by all classes of the community in the science and pursuits of Agriculture, together with their successful results, are highly encouraging, believing as we do that this Province only requires knowledge and industry to make it increasingly productive. It is also a source of satisfaction to us to learn that the demand for our Staple Export is so extended, and that our Ships and Fisheries are rising in importance.

Our acknowledgments are due to Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, and those under his command, for the able manner in which they have afforded protection to the latter branch of our industrial wealth.

Grateful to the Most High for preserving us from disease and impending War, we thank Your Excellency for the confidence you express in our loyalty to the Queen, and our sympathies for the Mother Country, now threatened with War; and while we trust that calamity may yet be averted, we firmly believe this portion of the British Empire will not be found wanting in the hour of peril to uphold the glory of that Flag which has made the name of Briton honored throughout the world.

We are gratified to find there is cause to believe that the first portion of the Railway Scheme from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to Saint John, will advance in accordance with our wishes. And we trust from the full confidence entertained by Your Excellency in the honor and resources of those who have undertaken these internal improvements, that all the other portions of the contemplated Railways will likewise in due time be completed.

The necessity of keeping up the Bridges throughout the Country cannot admit of a doubt; and we shall receive with satisfaction the information Your Excellency intends to lay before us on a subject of such vital importance to our internal communications, and shall carefully consider any plan which may be devised for a more efficient control in that department.

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