

than half the evil may be considered as remedied by that circumstance, and to the practical good sense of those whose individual interests are concerned (in all cases the best resource), may be safely committed its entire removal.

“In the meantime, I rejoice to know, that the restoration of that portion of the Commercial Capital of the Province which suffered so severely by the conflagration of 1839, is in a rapid course of being effected, greatly through the means of your prompt and enlightened liberality, and in a manner which has surpassed the expectations which had been formed, as well in respect to the solid advantages of increased security—the great object contemplated—as to the health and beauty of the City.

“With respect to our Agricultural Interests, we have to be thankful that the blessing of Providence has been liberally extended to this and our Sister Provinces, and generally to this great Continent during the past season. The Harvest has been abundant, and the open season so protracted and favorable as to have afforded ample time to the industrious and provident Farmer, for the due preparation of his ground for the crops of the ensuing Spring. And here I cannot but repeat the expression of a fervent hope, that through the industry and perseverance of its Agricultural Population, coupled with an improved system of cultivation, and under the fostering and patriotic aid and encouragement of its Legislature, the Inhabitants of this fine Province may ere long cease to be dependant upon surrounding Countries for the supply of their Bread; but in order to do this rapidly and effectually, due encouragement should be given to a well considered system of Immigration; and I am much disposed to think that in the two Associations, whose operations are, and are about to be extended to New Brunswick, we may, if such reasonable encouragement be given to them as may in your judgment consist with the true interests of the Province, find the means of which we are in want, of ensuring a steady and adequate supply of Farm and other Settlers and Labourers of good character. On this subject it will be for you to consider whether an appropriation for a regular annual survey of a moderate quantity of Wild Lands of good quality and in favorable situations, laid out in lots of 100 acres, and to be disposed of for actual settlement, at a reasonable upset price, might not be among the most effectual encouragements which could be held out to the introduction into New Brunswick of a valuable class of Settlers.

“The beneficial effects of the large sums which have from year to year been so liberally granted for the improvement of the Great Lines of Roads, throughout the Province, are beginning to be very apparent. These Roads, with few exceptions, are now admitted by travellers to be at least equal, if not superior, to those of any of the surrounding Provinces. With reference to the important Communication between Her Majesty's Upper and Lower Provinces, Copy of a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be laid before you, inviting the Legislatures of the Provinces concerned to come forward with liberality, and “meet by corresponding feelings the exertions made by the Parent State to promote a regular and rapid intercourse with these Colonies,” by means of a Line of Steam Packets between England and Halifax,—an establishment which has already shewn itself superior to any other of the same kind connected with this Continent.

“In connexion with this subject, I offer you my congratulations upon the arrangements which are in progress, under the directions of His Excellency the Governor General, for the improvement in the conveyance and reduction in the rates of Post Communications in British America.

“Upon the subject of the Coast and Harbour Fisheries, the Report which was addressed to me by the zealous and intelligent Naval Officer to whom was committed the protection of British Interests in the Bay of Fundy during the late Season, having been printed by my direction, will be sent to you, and I recommend the suggestions which it contains to your attentive consideration.

“To a people who feel it to be one of the high privileges conferred upon them by the happy Constitution under which they live, that no British Subject is excluded from a free competition for the highest Offices of the State, the subject of the Education of their Children must always be regarded as one of primary interest, and it will accordingly, I doubt not, continue to receive from you that liberal aid for its advancement and diffusion, and that serious and anxious consideration for the improvement of the system under which it is at present conducted, which must consist with a due sense of its paramount importance,—for the promotion of this latter object I offer you my cordial co-operation.

“The useful information regarding the mineral treasures of the Province which has already been acquired by the Geological Exploration of certain of its districts, will, I trust, lead you to enable me to continue researches which promise to be attended by so many solid advantages,—on this subject I invite your attention to the printed Report which will be presented to you.