

of the tortures inflicted, without regard of sex or age, on our fellow subjects in the East; and the fortitude, gallantry and skill which have enabled handfulls of loyal men to resist and to attack with equal success hosts of Rebels, have, I know, commanded their warmest admiration.

"A confident hope may now be entertained that the Mutiny, which at its outbreak appeared to threaten the very existence of British Authority in India, may, by the blessing of God, be the means of strengthening that authority, and of rendering it more widely beneficial than before; and you will readily unite with me in an expression of deep thankfulness to Providence for the success which has attended Her Majesty's Arms.

"In the course of last Autumn a monetary crises occurred, which for a season paralyzed Trade and Commerce throughout the world. Our Mercantile Interests suffered severely from the unparalleled pressure to which they were subjected, but I trust that the depression will be but temporary, and I am confident that the attitude which New Brunswick maintained during the crisis, has raised the Commercial character, and still more firmly established the credit of the Province.

"It is a subject of sincere gratitude that, although our Commerce languished during the past year, it pleased Divine Providence to bless the labours of the Husbandman with an abundant Harvest.

"I feel satisfaction in the belief that there is a growing appreciation of the importance of the Fisheries as a source of public wealth. Information having been conveyed to me that the Act for their protection was violated in the Bay of Fundy, I immediately adopted the necessary measures to secure the enforcement of the Law.

"The Act which regulates the Parish Schools will shortly expire: The subject of Education will necessarily occupy your attention, and it will, I doubt not, receive from you that calm and careful consideration which its importance demands.

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

"The Estimates, both of Revenue and of Expenditure, for the current Fiscal Year, will be submitted to you, and Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure for the past Year will be laid before you, with a Statement explanatory of the Financial condition of the Province at the end of that year.

"The arrangement with regard to the Surplus Civil List, contemplated in the Despatches of the Secretary of State which were laid before the Assembly on the 28th February 1857, has been carried into effect, and the Surplus Civil List Fund, as well as the accruing surplus of future years, has been placed at the disposal of the Assembly.

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

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

"I readily gave effect to the wish expressed in the Address presented to me by the House of Assembly during the last Session, that I would communicate with Her Majesty's Government and with the Governor General of Canada on the subject of the construction of an Inter-Colonial Line of Railway. Copies of the Correspondence will be laid before you.

"The successful cultivation of the soil is an object of manifest importance to all. The Commissioners appointed to report as to any improvements which might be deemed advisable in the application of the present Grants to Agricultural Societies, have concluded their labours, and their Report will be laid before you.

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