

The Government of New Brunswick waits your ratification of the terms proposed at the Conference held at Toronto in June last, to assemble the Legislature, with a view to secure its friendly co-operation.

As the Imperial Parliament will probably meet early in the new year, and as it is of great consequence that the Laws, passed by the Colonial Legislatures, should be transmitted without delay, to secure the appropriations contemplated in time to warrant the commencement of operations in the spring, I have called you together at this unusual period, confident that you would, at whatever personal sacrifice, cheerfully aid me by a prompt and calm consideration of a question of the greatest magnitude and importance.

The correspondence that has taken place, and the measures which I have directed to be prepared, shall be laid before you as soon as the forms of Parliament permit.

I confidently commend the subjects which they embrace to your diligent and enlightened review; and believing, as I do, that the destinies of these noble Provinces are, to a great extent, involved in the result of your consideration of this question, I shall anxiously await your decision, and trust that the Author of all wisdom and goodness may guide your deliberations.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

H. A. withdraw.  
H. E. retires.

Mr. McDougall presented a Bill to amend the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Speech reported.

Mr. McCully moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Address in answer moved.

**To His Excellency Lieutenant-General**

**SIR JOHN HARVEY,**

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

### THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

Address.

A Railway communication through a large portion of Her Majesty's North American Provinces, being deemed of sufficient importance by Your Excellency to require a special meeting of the Legislature, we shall give to that subject our most careful attention.

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