

by Steam between the Bay of Fundy and the River Saint Lawrence. A measure relating to this subject will shortly be submitted for your consideration, and I trust the Canadian Government will be anxious to co-operate in securing an object of equal importance to both Provinces.

" The Immigration from the Mother Country of the year just expired has, with the exception of a single Vessel, been entirely free from the disasters which marked that of the previous Season.

" I am desirous that you should take into consideration the means of so conducting our Land Sales, as to secure the settlement of industrious Emigrants ; and I earnestly recommend to you the suggestions made in a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, which will be placed in your hands, together with a Report prepared by the Executive Council in this Province.

" Our Agriculture has been partially successful ; and I need not, I know, observe to you, that it has increasing claims on your attention : I have rejoiced to find this conviction prevailing in all parts of the Province, and I look forward to such zeal and such enterprize, on the part of our Legislature and our People, as will hereafter turn our ample resources to the best account. It will become a matter of the gravest consideration for you, how this disposition may be fostered and encouraged.

" In another Staple Branch of Industry the efforts of our People have been successful ; and I rejoice to hear that the steps taken by the Government, in the last Season, to protect the Fishery at the Grand Manan, have contributed to this success.

" Measures of importance, in connection with the Criminal Law, will be laid before you.

" The Act for the improvement of Common Schools will require, at your hands, some further consideration and amendment : Your previous efforts in this good cause convince me that you appreciate its importance.

" It is a source of pleasure to me to express my belief that I shall now be able to carry out the Act relating to the Indian Reserves in such a manner as will at once meet the wishes of the Legislature, and promote the welfare of the Indian Population ; I rely on your readiness to do all that is possible to aid me in attaining both objects.

" The subject of the Post Office has occupied my anxious attention, and is now under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. Where joint action is essential with reference to the interests of all the British North American Colonies, great care is required in adjusting the various parts of any measure ; but I am glad to inform you, that Her Majesty's Ministers propose to obtain the powers necessary for dealing with this subject, by applying for an Act of the Imperial Parliament in the Session about to commence.

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

" I have directed the Returns of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure to be submitted to you. I wish the Account were more prosperous than you will find it to be ; but I am happy to say that, notwithstanding the large appropriations made during the last Session, the Public Credit has been satisfactorily maintained, inasmuch as the Warrants have been promptly met on demand at the Treasury ; the Instalment on the Funded Debt has been discharged, and a large part of the Debentures issued under the Act of 1839, for rebuilding the Burnt District in Saint John, has been taken up.

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