

aspired to throw myself in rivalry against some member of the profession, but all such feeling has long since passed away. I complain not of the opposition which the profession have given to this measure, except it may be slightly of the honorable member for King's; but so far from being jealous of his talents, nothing would give me more pleasure than to see him assume the highest position attainable in his profession or his country.

A measure was introduced by Mr. Howe, at this session, which met with very general support, and passed through both branches by large majorities. It was entitled "An act to divide the county of Halifax into townships, and to confer certain municipal privileges upon the inhabitants thereof." This act divided the metropolitan county into townships of moderate extent, and gave to the people municipal powers to regulate and control their local affairs. They were authorized to raise by assessment funds for the support of education, of roads and bridges, of ferries; for deepening rivers and water courses; for the erection of town houses. The election of township officers, including magistrates, was also conferred upon them. Lord Grey took exception to this part of the law, and the Queen's assent was withheld. The experiment, we think, would have worked well, and if it had, the law, long before this, would have been adopted in other counties.

In closing the session, Sir John Harvey said, "I have marked with great satisfaction the enlightened principles of commercial policy which you have adopted, the loyal sentiments you have expressed, and the steadiness with which you have guarded the Constitution established by the struggles and sacrifices of the past."