

Your Excellency justly ascribes to the people of this Province a sentiment of deep gratitude in relation to the successful and honorable termination of the recent war; and we are convinced they will earnestly unite in the prayer that peace may long continue to diffuse its blessings over the nation at large.

In acknowledging our especial gratitude as a people to a kind Providence, for exemption from pestilence during the past year, we cannot but recognize with similar feelings the success which has during that period attended the labors of the husbandman.

We thank Your Excellency for the zeal which you have ever manifested in furtherance of the Agricultural interests of the country. We have no doubt that the recent importations of improved Stock will largely contribute to the prosperity of the farming population, and we will be happy to sanction such further advances for the same object as the resources of the country will admit.

We have learnt with the deepest regret that the Fisheries during the past season have resulted in partial failure; we are gratified, however, by the intimation of an increase in the Revenue.

We notice with much satisfaction the gradual extension of the Provincial Railway; we shall examine with care the Accounts in connection with this important work.

The favorable advancement of the Lunatic Asylum is also a source of great gratification.

The report connected with the further Survey of the St. Peter's Canal, will receive our careful consideration.

The Bills founded on the measures of the Imperial Parliament for assimilating the laws affecting Trade and Commerce in the United Kingdom, and those having severally for their object the more efficient protection of the Crown Lands, and an improved process of Escheat, will receive our best attention.

We regret that the important question of the Mines and Minerals is still unsettled, but hope that the negotiations now pending will eventuate in a satisfactory adjustment of the points involved.

Anticipating results of an important character from the extension of Submarine Telegraphic Communication, we shall be ready attentively to consider any applications for Legislative privileges in connection with this interesting subject.

The great interest which Your Excellency has ever evinced in the welfare of Nova Scotia, warrants our firm reliance on Your Excellency's valuable co-operation in all matters affecting the progress and prosperity of its people.

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

Com. on Reporting.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Fairbanks be appointed a Member of the Committee for making arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House, in the place of Mr. Almon, absent.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday,