

assure Your Excellency, that you may rely upon our sincere desire, at all times, to give to the Representative of the Crown our loyal co-operation.

While we rejoice that a bountiful harvest and a largely increased Revenue mark our first official relations, we trust that this prosperity may prove a happy augury of your Excellency's future successful administration.

We fully appreciate the great and unusual importance of the question of a Union of the British North American Provinces, to which you have been pleased to direct our attention, and we assure your Excellency that a question involving to so great an extent the interests of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province will not fail to receive at our hands the attention commensurate with its magnitude.

It affords us much gratification to hear of the efficiency and zeal of the Militia and Volunteer Forces, and it will be our duty carefully to consider any suggestions which may be brought before us for ensuring means for the thorough and effective defence of the country.

We regret to learn that proceedings are being taken to effect the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, and earnestly hope that it may be found possible to adopt measures to prevent a consummation so much to be deplored.

We are glad to hear that Your Excellency has taken measures to have the natural resources of this Province properly represented at the forthcoming International Exhibition to be held in Dublin, and Your Excellency may count upon our cordial co-operation in advancing this national undertaking.

Fully alive to the grave importance of any measure intended to advance the Educational interests of the people, we will not fail to give serious consideration to any modification of the existing law, upon which we may be called to deliberate.

It is gratifying to learn that the Railway to Pictou is being vigorously proceeded with, and proposals for the further extension of our Railways, either in the direction of New Brunswick or Annapolis, will receive our careful attention.

We will be glad to receive the Report upon the Saint Peter's Canal.

It is much to be deplored that the accommodation provided in the Hospital for the Insane proves insufficient, and we will readily concur in any provision necessary for promoting its efficiency and usefulness.

The steady increase in the Receipts from our Railways and Crown Lands, as well as from our Mines of Coal and Gold, affords us no small gratification, while the continued blessings of peace and Provincial prosperity call for our lively gratitude to Almighty God.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Brown, be a committee Com. on Reporting to consider and report to the House the arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House for the present Session.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Adjourn. half-past two o'clock.