

We rejoice at the success which has attended the Agricultural and Lumbering operations of the past year, and sincerely trust that the important business of Ship building may soon resume its usual activity and add to the commercial prosperity of our Sea Ports.

We agree with Your Excellency in the opinion that the Militia should be placed upon a more efficient footing than at present exists. The Rifle Association recently organized will doubtless stimulate the military ardour and tend to keep alive the loyal zeal of our Volunteers and Militia. We are satisfied that they well deserve the favourable opinion Your Excellency has formed of them, and that the loyal people of this Province will ever cheerfully submit to any sacrifice in defence of their homes and their country.

We thank Your Excellency for directing the Report of the Commission to the West Indies and South America to be laid before us, and we confidently hope that the increased trade which may be expected as the result of their labours will be productive of general advantage.

Your Excellency may be assured that our deliberations will be guided by a spirit of loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign, and a fervent zeal for the public good. We cordially unite with Your Excellency in the expression of grateful thanks to Divine Providence for the peace and prosperity happily existing in the Province, and in the heartfelt prayer that the changes about to take place in our Constitution may result in the development of our natural resources, conduce to the best interests of the people, and add to the honor and renown of the Mother Country.

ORDERED, That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Steeves, Todd, and Perley, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to know when this House will be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

On motion—

ORDERED, That the Journals of this House be printed daily, and that four hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed for the use of this House.

The Honorable the President communicates to the House that he had appointed William Mentram a Messenger of this House.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 13th May, 1867.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

Mr. Saunders, President.

Mr. Chandler,
" Hazen,
" Odell,
" Steeves,
" Mitchell,

Mr. Minchin,
" Harrison,
" Todd,
" Rice,
" Perley.

PRAYERS.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.