

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

The Earl of Mulgrave,

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address.

For the Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session the Legislative Council thank Your Excellency.

The Legislative Council with reverence acknowledge their gratitude to God for the blessings of Peace and the enjoyment resulting therefrom. They learn with gratification that the Commerce of the Country is in a state of healthy activity—that the Harvest for the past year has been bountiful—the Fisheries moderately successful—and that other branches of industry have been rewarded with happy results.

To be assured that the Revenue of the Province has satisfactorily increased—that the requirements of the Public Service have been met—and that a balance remained in the Treasury, at the close of the year, to the credit of the Province, is highly gratifying.

It is equally so to learn that the Income from the Provincial Railway has rapidly increased.

The Legislative Council take a deep interest in all that relates to the efficiency of the Volunteer Corps and the organization of the Militia, and when the Report of the Adjutant General is submitted it shall command due attention.

When the papers promised on the subject of an Intercolonial Railway are laid before the Legislative Council, they shall receive that careful consideration their importance demands.

Any measure having reference to the division lines of Districts and to the distribution of the Franchise, the Legislative Council will consider upon its merits.

That Nova Scotia was distinguished at the Industrial Exhibition affords satisfaction to the Legislative Council.

Whatever relates to the development of the resources of Nova Scotia, whether tending to improve the legislation regulating the Gold Fields, the encouragement of Immigration or the advancement of her Agricultural Interests, and all measures submitted adapted to promote these objects, will receive from the Legislative Council that deliberation which subjects of such importance deserve.

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

Com. on Reporting.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon and Mr. Brown be a Committee to consider and report to the House the arrangements for reporting and publishing the Debates of this House for the present Session.

Adjourn.

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