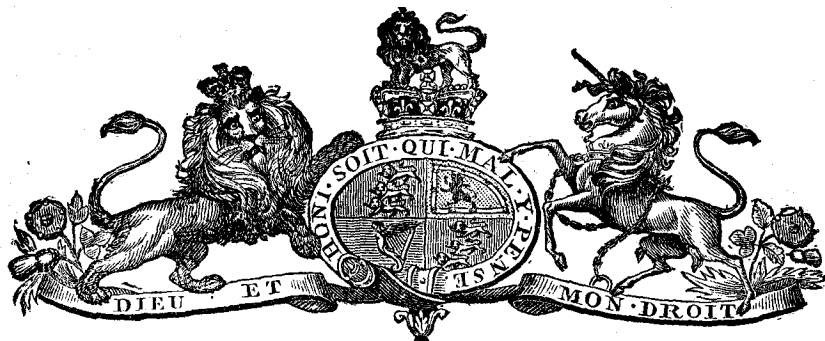


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THE Fifth Session of the Fourth Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following

SPEECH.

HONORABLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

It is with great satisfaction that I have recourse to your assistance and advice.

I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the steady progress which has been made, under exceptional difficulties, during the past year, in the suppression of Native disturbances, in the restoration of order, in the establishment of friendly relations with the Native race, and in the renewal of industrial enterprise in the recently disturbed districts. In referring to these results, it is only just that I should testify to the ability and zeal displayed by Mr. Ormond, as Agent of the General Government.

I trust that it will be your determination to continue the beneficial policy of strengthening our peaceful relations with the Natives.

Active operations in the field, for the protection of our settlements and for the defence of our loyal Native fellow-subjects, have been necessary during the past year. Those operations have been conducted with considerable success, by Native parties under the command of the distinguished chiefs Major Kemp, Major Ropata, and Major Topia; and I gratefully recognize the valuable services which they have rendered. The conduct of the Militia, Volunteer, and Constabulary Forces deserves high commendation.

Correspondence will be laid before you which will make you acquainted with the state of the negotiations conducted by the Colonial Commissioners with the Imperial Government on the subject of Troops.

I congratulate you on the establishment of Steam Communication with the principal Port of the United States on the Pacific Coast. This service brings the Colony into direct intercourse with that great nation, and can hardly fail to

confer great benefit on the Colony. It also provides speedy communication with Great Britain.

Your attention will be invited to the condition of the Colony, and to the stagnation and depression under which it labours, consequent on the comparative suspension of Colonization during the last few years. With the view of renewing the great work of Colonization, proposals will be laid before you for encouraging and aiding Immigration, and for constructing Public Works.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

Estimates of Expenditure for the coming Financial Year will be laid before you. While providing for the efficiency of the Public Service, they will exhibit a strict regard to the economical administration of the various Departments of Government.

HONOURABLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I am happy to inform you that the Telegraph has made most satisfactory progress in various respects. Communication is open with Patea and Taupo, and is being rapidly extended to Tauranga. You will be glad to learn that the New Zealand Commissioners are negotiating for the construction of a cable between New Zealand and Australia. You will be asked to consider the subject.

The beneficent measure for promoting Life Assurance, which you passed last Session, has been brought into operation; and, short though the time has been since that date, it gives every prospect of success.

Amongst other subjects, you will be asked to give your consideration to measures to readjust the Representation; to provide for Vote by Ballot; to amend the Law of Bankruptcy; to enable Local Rates to be more readily recovered; to reduce the Duty on Gold of an inferior quality; to reduce the Rate of Interprovincial Postage; to reunite, at their own desire, the Provinces of Otago and Southland; and to facilitate the Registration of Titles and the Transfer of Land.

I trust that the Divine Wisdom will guide your deliberations, and that your united labours will result in the establishment of permanent peace, and the promotion of the general prosperity of the Colony.