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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, 12th APRIL, 1861.

This day at four o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came in the usual state to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following

## S P E E C H:

*" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

**" YOU** have learnt with deep regret the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, and that Her Majesty mourns the loss of the illustrious Lady, whose maternal solicitude for Her Majesty secured to Her the gratitude of Her Majesty's subjects.

" You have brought to a close the business of the Session; your exertions demand my acknowledgements.

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service.

" The period assigned by law for the duration of this General Assembly will shortly expire. In restoring to your Constituents the trust reposed in you, as their Representatives, you will have the satisfaction of pointing to the uninterrupted tranquillity enjoyed by the People of this Province, in common with Her Majesty's other subjects on both sides of the Atlantic, in times when other Nations have suffered severely from political disturbances or dissensions; and you will, I am sure, foster and promote that spirit of loyalty to the Crown, and love for British Institutions, which have always distinguished New Brunswick.

*" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" I fervently hope that it may please Providence to continue to the inhabitants of this part of Her Majesty's Dominions, the blessings hitherto enjoyed by them; and that increased and increasing prosperity may be the result of an energetic, but prudent, development of the Industrial Resources of the Province."