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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, 17TH JUNE, 1867:

At half-past twelve o'clock His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came 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,

" I thank you for the attention which you have given to your Legislative duties.

" The several measures which you have passed will, I have no doubt, conduce to the general welfare of the Province.

" The Act to facilitate the extension of the European and North American Railway to the Frontier of the United States, is one of the highest importance to the Agricultural, Commercial and Manufacturing Interests of every portion of New Brunswick. I trust that your liberality in this matter will be soon rewarded by the completion of this necessary work.

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

" The Supplies which you have voted for the Public Service are ample, and you may be assured that due economy will be exercised in the expenditure of the money which you have generously granted.

" It was with great pleasure that I assented to the Act for removing Duties, which weighed heavily on materials used in Shipbuilding; and I hope that this important manufacture may soon revive, and again become a prominent source of wealth to New Brunswick.

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

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

" Her Majesty the Queen, (as you are aware) has been graciously pleased to issue a Proclamation, uniting Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, on the first of July next; and I anticipate that great advantages will accrue to this Province from the change, which will be inaugurated on that day, in its position as a portion of the British Empire.

" I must congratulate you on the readiness with which you have completed the Legislation of the Session; as I well know that many of you have been called (at great personal inconvenience) by a sense of public duty, from your private business at an unseasonable time of the year.

" In addressing you, as I do, for the last time, I cannot but express my heartfelt wish, that the inhabitants of this Province, whom you represent, may, under Providence, ever prosper, and that you yourselves may individually succeed in those avocations in which you are severally engaged."