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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Fredericton, 21st April, 1869.

AT four o'clock this day, His Excellency the Honorable LEMUEL ALLAN WILMOT, D. C. L., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, 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

SPEECH :

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

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

“ The unremitting diligence with which you have discharged your Legislative duties, enables me now to relieve you from further attendance.

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

“ I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service; and I can assure you that the appropriations so made will be expended with a strict regard to economy and efficiency.

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

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

“ I cannot bring the present Session to a close, without conveying to you my best wishes for your prosperity in your various pursuits, and without congratulating you, and our fellow-countrymen of the Dominion generally, on the brightening prospects which are opening up before us.

“ A magnificent inheritance is being prepared for the present Youth of British North America, and may God bless every effort to consolidate and improve it.

“ Let it be our pleasure, as it is our duty, to foster a spirit of patriotism, and, with true British self-reliance, to endeavour by all the means within our power, to make our Great Dominion what it ought to be, a practical illustration on this Continent of the strength and completeness of British Constitutional Government, which must ever stand pre-eminent among all other forms of Government in the world.”