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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, 4TH MARCH, 1869.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at Three o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Honor was pleased to open 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,*

" It is with great pleasure I now meet you for the first time.

" While the abundant Harvest of the past year, and the remunerative prices obtained by our Farmers, should stimulate them to more extensive and improved cultivation in the future, the increased and increasing facilities for transport in different parts of the Province, will ensure at all seasons of the year a ready market for agricultural productions, and must prove highly advantageous both to producers and consumers.

" At the request of His Excellency the Governor General, two Members of my Government lately attended a meeting at Ottawa, composed of representatives from several Provinces of the Dominion, with a view to concerted and harmonious action by the Federal and Provincial Governments for the encouragement of Immigration. A report of the proceedings will be laid before you.

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

" You will be gratified to learn that the Expenditure of the past year is within the Estimate.

" The liberal appropriations of the last Session have been applied with a due regard to economy and efficiency; and I am happy to inform you that the Finances of the Province are in a most satisfactory condition.

" The Public Accounts which I have directed to be forthwith laid before you will fully sustain and illustrate this statement.

" The delay in calling you together has enabled me to have these Accounts prepared and ready to be laid before you, in pursuance of a Resolution passed at the last Session of the Legislature.

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

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

" Negotiations are pending for the adjustment of claims preferred against the Federal Government for balances due to this Province, under the seve-