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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, 29th FEBRUARY, 1872.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at Three o'clock His Excellency 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 Excellency 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,*

" In meeting you again, it affords me great pleasure in being able to congratulate you upon the prosperity of the Province. The past season was highly favorable to our Agricultural interests, and the present condition and prospects of almost every branch of our productive industry are of the most satisfactory character.

" The national calamity which, during the recent illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, hung over the Empire, was happily averted by the goodness of Almighty God; and I am sure that in no part of the British Empire have the thanksgivings of loyal hearts been more gratefully offered than by Her Majesty's subjects in this Province.

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

" Detailed Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the past year will be laid before you at an early day, together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current year.

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

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

" The Act relating to Common Schools, passed at the last Session, has been inaugurated with the most encouraging prospects.

" I have much satisfaction in informing you that a contract has been entered into for the construction of the Railway from Saint Mary's and Woodstock to Edmundston; and from the well known energy and responsibility of the parties who have undertaken the work, every assurance is afforded that this highly important commercial undertaking will be completed at an early day.

" I have again brought under the consideration of the Dominion Government, certain unadjusted claims in connection with the terms of admission of this Province into Confederation; and while a portion of those claims is yet under consideration, I have much pleasure in expressing the belief that the settlement, so far as it has been effected, will satisfy the reasonable expectations of the country. I shall direct the papers on this subject to be laid before you.

" In furtherance of your wishes conveyed to me by the Addresses of the last Session, I appointed a Delegation to proceed to Ottawa on the subject of the financial position of the Province in relation to the Confederacy, by whom the claims of the Province were fully presented. The matter is now under consideration, and I cannot permit myself to doubt that the decision