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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, FEBRUARY 27, 1879.

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 meet you for the first time as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

" You have already heard with profound sorrow of the great affliction which has befallen Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in the bereavement which she has sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt. How deservedly the Princess had endeared herself to Her Royal Mother, and to the Nation, has become matter of universal comment. In no portion of the Empire will Her Majesty's affliction be more deeply and sincerely deplored than in this Province, and I have no doubt you will readily join in the expressions of respectful sympathy which have reached, or are reaching Her Majesty, from all parts of the British Dominions.

" The recent appointment of so distinguished a Nobleman as the Marquis of Lorne as successor to the Earl of Dufferin, whose administration of the Government of Canada was so brilliant and successful, again testifies the deep regard of the Imperial Government for the welfare of this Dominion, and has been hailed with unmingled satisfaction by all classes in every Province of Canada.

" The arrival in Canada of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, the illustrious Consort of His Excellency the Governor General, has afforded the people of Canada another opportunity, which they have heartily embraced, to manifest in a marked manner their loyal devotion to the Person and Throne of Her Majesty the Queen, and their love for the Members of the Royal Family.

" Immediately upon the arrival at Ottawa of His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness, I transmitted an invitation to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness to visit New Brunswick. His Excellency has been pleased to accept that invitation, and I shall direct public announcement to be made when I am informed by His Excellency of the time appointed for their visit. I have no doubt you will approve of the course I have adopted in this matter.

" Notwithstanding the severe depression which so seriously affects the Commercial interests of the Province at the present time, I am happy in believing the general condition of the Province at large is such as to call for expressions of satisfaction. A feeling of security, and of confidence in the Institutions under which we live, generally prevails—the labors of the husbandmen have been crowned with an abundant harvest—and we have been permitted to enjoy manifold and great blessings. While, therefore, we venture to entertain a hope that this depression may soon be materially alleviated, we ought not to lose sight of the many other considerations which are calculated to inspire our hearts with thankfulness for the many inestimable benefits which we possess.