

"The conservation of our Forests, in accordance with the best methods, is a matter of the greatest importance, and your co-operation will be sought in promoting that result. My Government will keep in view the necessity of securing an adequate return from this our most important source of local revenue.

"The protection of the Inland Fisheries, the rights of Riparian Proprietors, and the collection and diffusion of information in regard to the Mineral resources of the Province are matters of public interest, which are receiving the attention of my Government.

"The approaching Exhibition which is to be held in Saint John, and which will be at once of a Centennial and Dominion character, will afford another opportunity of making known the resources and capabilities, not only of the Province but of the great Dominion of which it forms an important part, and of manifesting and stimulating the patriotism and enterprise of our people. A suitable grant will be asked in aid of this important undertaking.

"While owing to circumstances, you have been convened at a period of the year when private business must soon make urgent demands upon your time, I feel confident that these and other matters involving the best interests of the Province, will receive your earnest, intelligent and patriotic consideration; and my sincere desire is that, in all your deliberations, you may experience Divine guidance."

FRIDENHOTOX, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1883.

This being the day appointed by Resolution for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor the Honorable James Dunlop, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the throne, commenced the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Honor Printed and Published at the Royal Gazette Office, by G. E. FENETY, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

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An Account of the Revenue and Expenditure for the past Fiscal Year will be laid before you with the Estimates for the current year. A further statement of Revenue and Expenditure since the close of the Fiscal Year will be submitted to you, accompanied by a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Province.

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