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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1885.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor The Honorable ROBERT DUNCAN WILMOT, 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 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,*

" I have very much pleasure in again meeting you in Parliament assembled. In sum-moning you to the discharge of your public duties, I do so in the fullest confidence that they will be faithfully and efficiently performed.

" The visit of His Excellency The Governor General and his amiable consort to this Province last Autumn, though I regret to say necessarily brief, was recognized by our people as evidence of the interest taken by Her Majesty's representative in the several Provinces of Canada. I am sure that all who had the opportunity of meeting His Excellency were impressed with his many excellent personal qualities, as well as his eminent fitness for the high position he occupies.

" The wide-spread depression in almost all branches of business, which it was my un-pleasant duty to remark upon when I last convened you, has not passed away. A bountiful harvest rewarding the labor of the husbandman, has done much to diminish the ill effects always consequent upon commercial depression, but I can as yet see no trustworthy signs of an early revival of trade, as respects our greatest staple article of export. This important industry still languishes; and as a consequence, an effect has been produced during the past year to a greater extent than was anticipated, upon the revenue of the Province arising from its timber lands.

" I have much satisfaction in congratulating you upon the creditable display made by this Province at the International Forestry Exhibition, Edinburgh. My Government deemed it advisable to act in this matter in concert with the New Brunswick Land and Lumber Company, and when the Report of the joint representative of the Government and the Company is laid before you, it will be seen that the results, which I trust may be of lasting benefit to the Province, have been achieved at moderate cost.

" Another Exhibition, at which all the Colonies and Dependencies of the Empire are invited to participate, will be held in London in 1886, under the Presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I shall invoke your aid to this important undertaking, and hope our people will make timely preparation, so that New Brunswick may be fittingly represented.

" The recent changes in the Common School System give promise of very gratifying results, and all parts of the Province are taking advantage of the facilities afforded by the legislation of last Session in aid of the Secondary Education. I shall ask you to consider whether the system might not be rendered still more complete and efficient by the adoption within certain limits and under proper conditions, of the principle of compulsory attendance at the Public Schools.