

"During the recess, very considerable efforts have been made to stimulate public interest in the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held this year in London, and I think it will be found that these efforts will prove successful in securing a display in the Educational and Agricultural Departments commensurate with the capabilities of the Province. So excellent an opportunity of placing the merits of New Brunswick as a home for Emigrants before the people of the Mother Country may not occur again; and it would be a matter of extreme regret if this means of attracting settlers, so likely to influence the better class of Immigrants, and so much in keeping with the resources at the disposal of Government, should fail through a want of public spirit or patriotic feeling in our own people.

"The appropriation which you so generously made last Session to provide additional accommodation for the insane of our population, enabled my Government to obtain a suitable site and complete the erection of the requisite buildings within easy access of the Provincial Institution, and these buildings have been in occupation for some weeks past. The principle of utilizing the labour of the chronic insane, under proper conditions, has been to some extent tried in other countries; and I am persuaded will be attended with beneficial results here, beneficial alike to the public and this unfortunate dependent class. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the work has been brought to its present state of completion substantially within the limit of your grant for the purpose.

"I congratulate you upon the result of the Appeal to the Imperial Privy Council upon the question of the constitutionality of the Dominion Liquor License Acts; this decision has affirmed more broadly than the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada had done, the Legislative jurisdiction of the Provinces on this subject, and has declared the Law to the full extent contended for by my Government since the origin of this controversy. A measure is in course of preparation dealing with the subject of the licensing of the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.

"The attention of the Government of Canada has again been called to the unsettled claim for interest due this Province upon the principal money of the Eastern Extension Claim, but as yet payment has not been made. My Government has also formulated against the Dominion a claim for losses occasioned the Province by the continued appropriation by the Dominion Government, down to a recent date, of the Fishery rights belonging to New Brunswick in the non-tidal waters of the Province. As the propriety of this claim cannot I think be questioned, I look for its early settlement. The papers relating thereto will be laid before you.

"In keeping with the policy my Government has uniformly declared, A Bill to make the Legislative Council elective will be again submitted for your consideration, and there will also again be laid before you a measure dealing with the Electoral Franchise.

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

"I have directed the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past year, as well as a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, to be laid before you.

"Estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the current year, will also be submitted to you; and I think you will find that the estimates of Expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

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

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

"Bills—To amend the Law relating to Highways—Relating to the Public Health—To amend the practice and procedure in Courts of Equity—To provide for the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages—To amend the practice and simplify precedents in Conveyancing,—and other measures of importance will be brought before you.

"I rely with confidence that these and other subjects with which you will be called upon to deal, will be considered in a spirit of earnest and disinterested devotion to the public welfare."