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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

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THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at half-past three o'clock His Honor the Honorable SIR SAMUEL LEONARD TILLEY, C.B., K.C.M.G., 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 again greet you with pleasure upon your assembling for the discharge of the honorable and important duties devolving upon the Legislature of the Province.

" As a part of one of the great Colonies of the British Crown, sharing with all loyal Subjects of the Queen in affectionate devotion to Her Throne and Person, the people of New Brunswick will heartily join in the general rejoicing upon Her Majesty's attaining the Jubilee Anniversary of Her Accession. I am speaking the sentiments of all, when I express the hope that she may yet be spared many years to extend to her people the blessings of a beneficent sovereignty.

" I am happy in believing that during the past year, the Agricultural industry has been fairly prosperous and that there is much in the general condition of the Province to justify satisfaction and thankfulness.

" 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 and 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,

" Since I last addressed you, the Indian and Colonial Exhibition has been brought to a successful termination.

" The part taken by my Government in presenting exhibits on behalf of the Province, was necessarily limited to a few special classes of subjects. In the Educational exhibit, the object in view was to furnish a complete and practical illustration of the working of our Common School System. From the high encomiums pronounced by competent authority upon the character and completeness of this exhibit, I am assured the educational advantages afforded by our system of Public Schools has most favourably impressed the people of the Mother country.

" The Reports of the General Agent of my Government at the Exhibition, and of the special Commissioner in connection with the Educational Exhibit, will be laid before you.

" Information which has recently been brought to the knowledge of my Government, along with circumstances which each year have been becoming more significant, have