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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

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AT half-past seven o'clock this day, 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 close the Session with the following

SPEECH:

"Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, "Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"It gives me much pleasure to be able at this comparatively early season to relieve you

from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

"I cannot part with you without taking this opportunity to congratulate you not only on the energy and vigor with which you have applied yourselves to the dispatch of the public business, but also on the successful way in which you have dealt with many of the matters which at the opening of the Session I commended to your consideration.

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

"I thank you for the liberal provision made for the public services during the current year, and I can assure you that every endeavour will be used to secure economy in the application of the funds you have thus placed at my disposal.

"I look forward to results of the most beneficial and far reaching character, from the judicious expenditure of the grant in aid of further Stock importations, and I thank you for the generous spirit with which you have responded to my suggestions in that regard.

"I have noted the very near approach to unanimity with which you have concurred in the Resolutions of the Inter-Provincial Conference, approving of some amendatory legislation by the Imperial Parliament respecting the British North America Act; and agreeably to your wishes I shall cause your Address, with its accompanying assurances of loyalty and devotion to our Most Gracious Sovereign, to be conveyed to Her Majesty through the usual channel.

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

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

"I have cheerfully given my assent to the Bill embodying important changes in the Laws relating to Agriculture, and the Executive administration and management of that im-

portant interest.

"The increasing demand upon the Legislature for Acts of Incorporation, notwithstanding the relief afforded you in this direction by the comprehensive general Law relating to Corporations, I think may be taken as some evidence of a growing activity in the prosecution of industrial and other business enterprises throughout the Province, and I sincerely trust that the prosecutions of these enterprises may result in material benefits to our people.

"I feel assured, that on your return to your respective Counties, you will exercise the large influence which you justly possess, in diffusing among all classes in your vicinity those principles of loyal respect for the Laws and Institutions under which it is our happiness to live, which will tend to insure their permanency and stability.

"Allow me, in parting from you for the present, to express my sincere wishes for your individual happiness and prosperity on your return to your ordinary avocations."

After which, the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, by His Honor's command, declared the Assembly prorogued to the second Tuesday in May next.