

stated, as desired by the three Provinces referred to, which will enable the question to be settled; and my Advisers are confident of a successful issue.

In opening the last Session of the Legislature, I called your attention to the propriety of taking steps to press earnestly upon the Dominion Government the desirability of having the British North America Act so amended as to carry out the views embodied in what are known as The Quebec Resolutions, at least, in so far as relates to the readjustment of the allowances by the Dominion to the Provinces, and I am now happy to be able to inform you that, at a Conference between the Representatives of the Governments of all the Provinces of Canada, an agreement has been reached, and the result of their deliberations has been submitted to the Dominion Government. I am hopeful that their united request will be favorably considered by the Federal authorities. If the proposed readjustment of Subsidies is made, it will be of material advantage to this Province, as the increased aid will enable my Government to more effectively carry on the important duties which are entrusted to it under the British North America Act. The Papers relating to this subject will be submitted to you.

During the recess, my Government, being of the opinion that, as a result of the recent Census, and under a proper construction of The British North America Act, this Province is entitled to retain its present representation in the House of Commons, felt it to be its duty to urge its views in this particular upon the Dominion Government; and as a result of its efforts, I am in a position to inform you that, while it has not concurred in the views expressed by my Government, it is prepared to co-operate in securing an early decision on the question from the Supreme Court of Canada. The subject of representation is so important that I am sure you will feel that my Government has taken a proper course in pressing this matter upon the attention of the Federal authorities.

The subject of re-afforestation of the Crown Timber Lands, with a view to preserving for future generations this most valuable asset, has been engaging the attention of my Advisers, and a measure having this object in view will probably be submitted for your consideration.

I have directed that the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the past fiscal year, as well as a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the current fiscal year, up to the opening of the present Session, shall be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the coming year will 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 public requirements.

The subject of the liability of employers to employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment is one in respect to which an amendment of the law seems to be desirable, and a Bill dealing with this matter will be submitted for your consideration.

During the recess, an arrangement was come to with The New Brunswick Railway Company, under which, for a small consideration, the Company has agreed to convey to the Crown a portion of their lands for purposes of settlement. The terms of this arrangement will be submitted for your approval.

You will also be invited to consider proposals which my Government will submit with a view to ensure the opening for settlement of other portions of the said lands, pursuant to the provisions contained in certain of the Grants issued to the Company.

The Commissioners appointed to consolidate the Statutes have concluded their labors. Their Report will be laid before you, and the Acts so consolidated will be submitted for consideration and passage.

Your attention will also be invited to other Measures of importance.

In now leaving you to the performance of your Legislative duties, I confidently trust that your deliberations will, under Divine Guidance, inure to the general welfare and prosperity of the people.