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ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 3, 1904.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor The Honorable JABEZ BUNTING SNOWBALL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Assembly Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session with the following

SPEECH:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

Upon meeting you on previous occasions when you assembled for the discharge of your legislative duties, it was my privilege, as it has also been the privilege of my predecessors, for a number of years past, to congratulate you upon the steady progress which our Province has been making along the lines of industrial and commercial development. The past year has been no exception, and it is a matter for profound thankfulness that our Province still shares in the general prosperity prevailing throughout the Dominion.

During the past year there has been abundant evidence of a growing interest by our farmers in the pursuit of agriculture, and the high prices which have been realized for their products, as well as the steadily increasing market, indicate a profitable future for this important industry. Successful Exhibitions were held in several of the Counties of the Province and the increased attendance and large number of exhibits were most gratifying.

The efforts of my government to develop the coal areas of the Province are meeting with gratifying success. The Railway from Chipman to the Newcastle Coal Fields at Minto has been completed, and several miles of sidings constructed to the different mines in operation, with a view to facilitate the output of coal. In the County of Kent also two very promising coal mines are being developed. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Legislature to my government last session, aid was given for the construction of a Railway from Adamsville on the Intercolonial to Beersville, a distance of six and a half miles. I am happy to inform you that the road is now in running order, and, as a result, there is a considerable output of coal from the mine reached by the Railway. There is every reason to believe that before very long there will be a large production of these mines, the effect of which will be to promote industrial development in the vicinity, and add largely to the revenues of the Province as well.

During the recess my Government, pursuant to the authority granted by the Legislature, has entered into a contract with the Imperial Dry Dock Company of Saint John, similar to the contract entered into with the Company by the Dominion Government. I trust that the construction of this important work will soon be commenced, and that it will result in great advantage, not only to the City of Saint John, but to the whole Province.