

This industry is so important and gives employment to such a large number of our people, that its condition must always be a matter of the greatest concern to those who are charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Province.

Considerable attention has, during the past year, been given to Mining development, and there is reason to hope for continued satisfactory results.

Under the legislation authorizing the Executive to deal with the water power at Grand Falls, the preliminary steps have been taken for its development. The sum of Fifty thousand dollars has been deposited with the Receiver General by the promoters of the undertaking, as an evidence of *bona fides*. This sum is to be forfeited in case the works are not proceeded with. I look with very considerable confidence to the establishment in the near future of large manufacturing industries at this point, and for the distribution of electrical energy therefrom to various sections of the Province.

The agreement entered into between my Government and the Company will be laid before you.

The development of the coal areas in the Counties of Queens, Sunbury and Kent is making gratifying progress, and my Government anticipates a very considerable revenue to the Province as a result of such development.

During the recess, my Government has, in conjunction with the Governments of the other Provinces, continued to press upon the Dominion Cabinet the desirability of readjusting the Provincial Subsidies. I am pleased to be in a position to inform you that there is reason to believe that the Federal Government is favorable to disposing of the question in a manner which will be satisfactory to the Provinces, and I anticipate that steps to accomplish this end will be taken in the near future.

My Government has also continued to press for a settlement of the matters in controversy between the Province and the Dominion in respect to the Fisheries, including the right of the Province to be paid a portion of the Halifax Fishery Award. The terms of a proposed reference of this question, agreed upon by my Government, are now under consideration of the Federal authorities, and I trust that this important question will, before very long, be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada for its decision, unless, as is not improbable, the subject may be disposed of satisfactorily in connection with the re-adjustment of the Provincial Subsidies.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Legislature at its last Session, I appointed a Commission to consider the subject of Factory legislation. During the recess, the Commissioners have carefully investigated the subject and have prepared a Report, as well as a Bill dealing with the question, which will be submitted for your consideration.

Under the provisions of the Act of the Legislature, the Commissioners of the Provincial Hospital, during the recess, employed two experienced physicians to make an examination of all the patients in the Institution, and to report to the Commissioners, which, if any, of the said patients are not dangerous, and which should be taken care of by their friends, or should be made a charge on the Municipalities to which they belonged before being taken to the Hospital. These gentlemen have, in conjunction with the Medical Superintendent, attended to the duties assigned to them, and have prepared a very full report, which will be laid before you.

The consolidated School at Kingston in the County of King's established through the munificence of Sir William McDonald, which was opened some months ago, is proving successful, and will be of great public benefit, not only by reason of the superior educational advantages which the Institution affords, but as an incentive for the establishment of other similar schools throughout the Province.

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 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.

Bills, to amend the Liquor License Act; the Probate Act; The Game Law; for the licensing and regulating of the speed of Automobiles; relating to Life and Accident Insurance; to amend the Supreme Court Act, and other Measures of importance, will be submitted for your consideration.

Having the utmost confidence in your zeal for the public welfare, I am satisfied that your deliberations will tend to the enactment of such laws as will promote the happiness and prosperity of our people.