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## ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, February 14, 1907.

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:*

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you on again assembling for the performance of your Legislative duties, and to congratulate you on the general contentment and the many evidences of progress and prosperity to be seen throughout the Province. While the crops have in some sections been below the average, the good prices for farm produce which have prevailed throughout the year have in large measure made up for the deficiency in this respect. The lumber industry is prospering, good prices have been realized, and the outlook for the present year is exceedingly good. Our hardy fishermen have reaped a bountiful harvest from the sea. There is abundance of work at remunerative wages for all who are willing to labor.

The great development which is taking place in the Canadian West is having a most beneficial effect upon many sections of the Province, not only by reason of the increased business which it brings in the winter season to the chief commercial City of New Brunswick, but also by reason of the remunerative markets which it gives for farm products. It is hoped that the increase which has taken place in the export and import business through the Port of Saint John during the past few years will be maintained, if not exceeded, in the present and future years.

As a result of the just and reasonable demands of the Governments of the several Provinces, in which my Government earnestly and persistently took part, the Prime Minister of Canada summoned a Conference of Representatives of all the Provinces to meet the Federal Government at Ottawa in October last, to discuss the important subject of a re-adjustment of the Provincial subsidies. The Conference was attended by the Premier and Attorney General. The deliberations of the Conference will, I have reason to believe, result in an amendment of The British North America Act, by which the amounts of the subsidies will be fixed on the basis of population, while at the same time, increased allowances will be made to meet the cost of Civil Government and Legislation. Upon such amendment being made, the annual subsidy to this Province will be increased by the sum of \$130,000. A report of the proceedings of the Conference will be laid before you.

There are still the Fishery question and the Claim to a portion of the Halifax Fishery Award outstanding between the Province and the Dominion. My Government has for several years been steadily urging an adjustment of these important matters, and will continue to do so, until a satisfactory settlement is effected.