

My Government, having ground for thinking that valuable deposits of iron exist in the Counties of Gloucester and Charlotte, has, by providing drilling machines owned by the Province, encouraged prospecting to a considerable extent in those Counties. The results will be laid before you.

The development of the coal areas of the Province is proceeding satisfactorily, and the results will, I have reason to believe, soon amply justify your action in taking the steps necessary to ensure such development.

During the past year successful Agricultural Exhibitions have been held in St. John, Sussex, Chatham, Woodstock and Centreville, and the deep interest taken by all classes in these Exhibitions amply justifies the Provincial assistance given them.

You will be invited to consider Bills to amend The Workmen's Compensation for Injuries' Act, The Judicature Act, The Liquor License Act, to provide for the Incorporation of Fishermen's Unions, and to amend the Highway Act so as to make better provisions for the keeping open of the highways in Winter, and in other respects. Other measures will also be submitted to you.

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 also 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.

Before leaving you to the discharge of your Legislative duties, I wish to join in an expression of the feelings of profound sorrow which I am sure you entertain for the great and sudden bereavement which Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and the Countess Grey recently suffered by the death of their daughter, Lady Victoria Grenfell. The hearts of the Canadian people were deeply touched by the sad event.

In conclusion, I desire to assure you of my full confidence in your patriotism and zeal for the public welfare.