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This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honour Lemuel John Tweedie, K. C., LL.D., 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 much pleasure to meet you again at the opening of another Session, and to once more express our thanks to the Creator and Giver of all good things for a bountiful harvest and the general prosperity with which the people of New Brunswick have been blessed.

It is gratifying to find that during the last year the crop yields averaged larger than in 1908, and were above the average of the figures of the last ten years, though unusual weather conditions occasioned local losses. High prices have prevailed for most farm products, and increased faith in the Agricultural capabilities of the Province, is being manifested.

Since the opening of the Legislature last year, eighteen new Agricultural Societies have been incorporated, and they are actively taking up the work of live stock improvement, and the purchase of good seeds.

In response to the demand for larger and better draught horses, my Government arranged with reliable horse importers to bring Clydesdale mares and stallions and Percheron stallions to be sold within the Province upon a commercial basis. These horses have been sold at reasonable prices and well distributed at small expense to the Province.

I am pleased to note the honors won by the Fruit Growers of this Province, at the Exhibitions in Great Britain, and at the Maritime Fair at Amherst, and to congratulate our Horticulturists on the success which has crowned their efforts. The fruit from this Province carried off prizes in competition with the Empire.

To assist our Fruit Growers in further developing the production and export of apples and other fruit, an expert in fruit culture has been added to the staff of the Agricultural Department.

On account of the large crops of potatoes in Ontario, Quebec, and the United States, it was felt by my Government, that it was desirable that some new outlet should be found for the New Brunswick potato crop, and assistance was therefore given to the produce shippers of the Province in introducing and extending our potato trade in the Cuban market. The result has been most gratifying. Up to the present time upwards of seventy-five thousand barrels have been shipped to Havana. Our product has more than an enviable reputation there, and there is every prospect that the trade will be a permanent one.

During recess, renewed and additional efforts have been made to induce the immigration of agriculturalists, farm laborers and domestic servants, and I am pleased to be able to say that these efforts have been crowned with a reasonable degree of success, and it is expected that in the future greater results will follow.

It is a pleasure to inform you that the territorial revenue during the last fiscal year, was the largest in the history of the Province, and that the estimates of lumber cut during the present year, so far received by the Department of Crown Lands, indicate that the receipts will show a substantial increase over those of the previous one.