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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 3, 1892.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor the Honorable SIR SAMUEL LEONARD TILLEY, C. B., K. C. M. G., LL. D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Honor was pleased to open the Session with the following

S P E E C H :

" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

" I meet you with pleasure upon your again assembling for the discharge of your legislative duties, relying with confidence upon your zeal and ability in the public service.

" The untimely death of the Duke of Clarence, Heir presumptive to the Throne, a few weeks ago, created a feeling of profound sorrow throughout the Empire. On behalf of the people of this Province, I caused to be conveyed to Her Majesty and the Royal parents, an assurance of our sympathy in their great affliction, to which I have received a most gracious acknowledgment in reply.

" I regret to say that the Lumber industry of the Province has not yet emerged from the depression with which it has been affected, nor do I see any immediate prospect of improvement. I am, however, happy in being able to congratulate you upon the abundant harvest of the past year.

" I have much satisfaction in informing you that the Commission appointed two years ago to enquire into and report upon the general management of our Crown timber lands, have concluded their labors, and their conclusions will be immediately communicated to you. It is not improbable that during the Session some legislation will be proposed for consideration in connection with the recommendations of the Commission.

" I am gratified at being able to inform you that the Mining Law, enacted last year, and which has been therefore less than twelve months in operation, has already given a marked impetus to the licensing of mining areas and to mining exploration generally. I look with some confidence for a substantial development in this direction during the season upon which we are now entering.

" The disappointing results of the Census, from which it had been confidently expected that a large addition to the Dominion annual subsidy would have accrued, has been a subject of much consideration by my Government. While recognizing the importance of maintaining permanently the equilibrium between income and expenditure, it has been deemed by my Government none the less important that additional means be found to further assist the dairying and kindred agricultural interests, so as to diminish if possible the outflow of our farming population. To this end a measure has been prepared, and will be laid before you for augmenting the revenue from sources hitherto undrawn upon, to which I invite your careful attention.