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## ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 9, 1893.

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 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 sincere pleasure to meet you for the first time since the recent reference to the Electorate, on your assembling for the dispatch of public business.

"I am happy in being able to acknowledge the many blessings the people of the Province have enjoyed in the past, and which, thanks to the mercies of a kind Providence, are still being continued to us.

"I am sure that the occasion upon which we now assemble will occur to you as one of especial interest. Since you were last convened the constitutional change involved in the extinction of the Legislative Council has been brought into effect. You are now invested with all those powers which, since the Province was organized, you have shared with another legislative branch. This change has greatly added to your responsibilities; but I look to you with confidence to preserve unimpaired the traditions of the Provincial Legislature, and justify the reform which has so long been the subject of public expectation.

"In taking leave of you at the close of the last Session, I expressed the hope that the substantial grant which you had placed at the disposal of my Government, in aid of our agricultural interests, would have the effect of stimulating and encouraging our farming population. I am gratified at now being able to inform you that my expectations in this regard have been more than realized. The past year has witnessed a constantly increasing interest among the agriculturists of the Province in their noble calling; greater attention than ever has been given to dairying; many Cheese Factories and Creameries have been established, and several Dairy Associations have been formed throughout the Province. We have every reason to believe that the good work so auspiciously begun will have a marked effect in greatly increasing the prosperity of our people. Encouraged by the results of their efforts during the past year my Government will, with your approval, continue to give still further encouragement in this direction.

"It is a subject of much satisfaction to me to be able to apprise you of the successful termination of the litigation with the Maritime Bank, so long pending, and of the recovery by my Government of the entire amount involved in that litigation. The result is especially gratifying, as it has established beyond all future controversy the status of the Executive of the Provinces of Canada, and has recognized that a direct relationship exists between the Provincial Executive and the Sovereign of the Empire.

"The Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of Civic and Municipal taxation has made considerable progress in its work, and has submitted to me an interim report,