

which I will cause to be laid before you. The labors of the Commission have not been concluded, but it has been deemed advisable to submit to you, and disseminate throughout the Province at an early day, the suggestions which the Commission have thus far made, in order that they may become the subject of public consideration and discussion.

"Among other subjects of importance which will engage your attention during the present Session, will be the question of the leasing of the Timber Lands of the Crown. The arrangements under which these lands have been held by Operators during the past ten years will, in a few months, come to a termination, and it will be your duty to consider and determine upon the conditions under which these lands shall after that period be operated. My Government will lay certain proposals on this subject before you, to which I invite your thoughtful attention.

"You will have observed with increasing satisfaction the growth of interest now displayed in the Mining capabilities of the Province. Some changes in the laws regulating this industry have been suggested by the experience of the past two years, and will be submitted for your approval, and you will be invited to consider whether it might not be in the public interests to still further stimulate and encourage investigation into the character and extent of our Mineral resources.

"It has long been felt that a pressing need existed in the Province for the establishment upon a permanent basis of a Reformatory Prison or Industrial School for Boys. Such institutions have been in useful and successful operation in the other Provinces of Canada, and the time appears to have arrived when action on the part of the Legislature on this subject can not only be taken with advantage, but when it can no longer, without the gravest consequences, be deferred. The necessity of supplying this want seems to have been devolved upon Provincial authorities under our constitutional arrangements, and Bills therefore will be laid before you, dealing with this interesting and important subject.

"I have directed the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure, 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, and I think you will find that the Estimates of Expenditure have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

"Bills—In consolidation of the Game Laws;—To regulate Practice and Procedure in the Supreme Court;—To consolidate and amend the Act relating to Stenographic reporting in the Supreme Court;—Relating to Bills of Sale;—To make provision for the appointment of Women upon the School Boards and Incorporated Towns,—and other measures of importance will be laid before you.

"I rely with confidence upon your zeal and devotion to the public welfare."

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