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## ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 15, 1894.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor the Honorable JOHN JAMES FRASER, 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

### S P E E C H :

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

" It affords me sincere pleasure to meet you in Parliament for the first time since entering upon the duties with which I am charged as the representative of Her Majesty in this Province.

" I am sure you will join with me in paying a just tribute of respect to the memory of my immediate predecessor, who, in the order of Providence, was only permitted to occupy for a brief period the high station to which he had been called.

" It is fitting that we should acknowledge in a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness to the Giver of all good things, that while other Countries have experienced and are still suffering the most distressing consequences of a disordered business condition, we in New Brunswick have enjoyed almost complete immunity from the worst phases of these exceptional troubles. It is true that the Shipping and Lumber business of the country have not recovered from the depression to which for some time past they have been subject, but evidence is not wanting that improvement in both these departments of our industrial life may be hoped for at an early period.

" During the recess the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Governor General of Canada, retired from the position, which he had filled most acceptably, and has been succeeded by the Earl of Aberdeen, a representative of one of the most illustrious families of the Empire. Should His Excellency and the Countess visit the Maritime Provinces during the ensuing summer, as there is reason to believe they contemplate doing, I am sure there will be no lack of heartiness and loyalty in the reception the people of New Brunswick will accord their Excellencies, as well on account of their estimable personal qualities as of the high representative character in which they will come amongst us.

" In accordance with your desire, expressed by Resolution at the late Session, that an investigation should be held into the administration of the School Law and the conduct of the Trustees of Schools in the Town and Village of Bathurst, a Judge of the Supreme Court was commissioned to hold the inquiry and report upon the facts which he should find established by evidence upon such inquiry. I shall cause the report of the investigation with the evidence taken to be as soon as practicable laid before you.

" I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the unqualified success with which the policy authorized and approved by you in respect to the management of our Timber Crown Lands has been attended. Notwithstanding the discouraging condition of the Lumber business, and the uncertainties respecting the future policy of the United States as to the free admission of Lumber, you will be pleased to observe when the report of the land sales is laid before you, that the most sanguine expectations of my Government have been more than realized.