

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you on the success of the Provincial Exhibition held a few months ago in the city of Saint John. The Products of those industries of our Province which were there displayed, were both instructive and encouraging, while the large attendance of visitors evinced a lively interest on the part of all sections of our population in these evidences of our progress and development.

The policy of my Government in encouraging in every possible way the growth of the Dairying industry continues to meet with marked success. Advanced methods of agriculture, a growing appreciation of the benefits arising from improvement in stock, and an awakened eagerness and aptitude on the part of our farmers to meet and avail themselves of the changing conditions of successful agriculture, promise hopefully to those engaged in this important pursuit. The several importations of thoroughbred stock heretofore made by my Government have proved of such permanent benefit that you will be invited to consider the advisability of making a grant for a further importation.

In connection with the development of frequent and direct steamship inter-communication between the port of Saint John and Great Britain, the feasibility of which has this season been so successfully demonstrated, it will be important, especially to the farmers of the Province, that cold air storage warehouses be established at suitable points for the preservation of all perishable commodities awaiting market or shipment. A measure will be submitted for your approval enabling my Government to assist private enterprise in this direction.

The mineral development of New Brunswick under the healthy stimulus of recent legislation has been prosecuted with much energy by private skill and enterprise, but it is a question whether individual effort in this direction should not be further supplemented by public assistance, if we are to be well and accurately informed as to the true extent and value of our mineral resources. A Bill in furtherance of this object will be introduced for your consideration.

I have directed the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past year, 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 be submitted to you, and I think you will find the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

In addition to the Bills which I have already mentioned, a bill to Revise and Consolidate the several Acts relating to the Highways and various other measures of importance will be submitted for your consideration, and I trust that your deliberations, under divine guidance, may be so conducted as to result in the promotion of the general welfare.