

dairy products of the country, and I am led to hope that like efforts will result in stimulating and encouraging the farmers of New Brunswick to produce their own wheat supply, as of other cereals, thereby saving to their pockets the large annual drain therefrom, now necessary in furnishing bread for their own tables.

My Government strongly entertain the opinion that butter of the best quality can be profitably manufactured within the Province during the winter season through the agency of dairies supplied by auxiliary skimming stations, located at suitable points; and with the view of demonstrating the possibility of conducting this enterprise successfully, have established one such winter dairy at Sussex. As there can be no doubt that great benefits will accrue to the Province should this experiment prove that the enterprise can be made generally successful, you will be glad to hear that the results thus far have been eminently satisfactory. In furtherance of the interests of dairying, the Government have established and are now conducting a Dairy School at Sussex, where all interested can obtain, free of cost, instruction in the most approved methods for butter and cheese making.

The active and continued interest of a large portion of the progressive business element of St. John in a Provincial Exhibition, has been brought to the notice of my Government, and should the plans matured by the Association in charge involve particular and substantial recognition of agricultural exhibits, without lessening the usual display of the products of other industrial arts, a Bill authorizing financial assistance on the part of the Province will be submitted for your approval.

Public attention abroad has been more and more arrested by the advantages of New Brunswick as an inviting spot for sportsmen and tourists. With a view of increasing the travel in this direction, so productive of profit to our people, my Government have thought it advisable to encourage an Exhibit at the Sportsmen's Exhibition to be held in Boston in March next, representative of the chief characteristics of our Province in this regard.

The commercial character of our country, notwithstanding all past discouragements, has begun to display itself in the successful establishment of lines of steamers sailing regularly from the commercial metropolis of our Province during the winter months, whereby we are placed in relation to commerce in a position of advantage, and from the vantage ground on which we now stand I indulge the bright expectation that our progress as a Province in all lines of industry, will be speedy and sure.

A claim of long standing against the Dominion Government on account of Eastern Extension has been pressed during the recess by a delegation of my Government, and I have reason to conclude that a reply will be promptly given in the early days of this Session. The merits of the demand and the reception accorded by the Ministry at Ottawa to the representations made on behalf of the Province encourage the belief that such reply will be favorable.

I have directed that 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, be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the current year will be submitted, and I feel assured that you will find the Estimates of Expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Bills in amendment of the Probate Act, the Act for the Protection of certain Birds and Animals, the Municipalities Act, relating to the appointment of Queen's Counsel, and various other measures of importance, will be submitted for your deliberation, and I would invoke for your labors the blessing of the all wise Ruler, in the full conviction that your efforts will result in great benefit and advantage to our common country.