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## ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 23, 1899.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honor the Honorable ABNER REID-MCCLELAN, 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 gives me great pleasure to welcome you as the Peoples' Representatives, returned at the recent General Election.

We have great cause for thanksgiving that the many blessings which our people have in the past enjoyed are through the mercies of a kind Providence still continued to us.

You are already aware that since the last Session of the Legislature Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Minto, Governor General of Canada. I am sure that you will join with me and the people of Canada generally, in extending cordial greetings to His Excellency, in whom we shall, I feel assured, find a constitutional representative of our beloved Queen.

The expressions of welcome which we loyally accord to the new Governor General will not lessen in any degree the regrets which we experienced at the departure of the Earl of Aberdeen, whose untiring zeal and devotion to the general prosperity of the people of Canada, signally characterized his administration and served in a marked degree to cement the bonds which attach our people to the Empire.

The increased prosperity of the Dominion during the past year in Trade and Commerce, and the extent to which the resources of Canada are becoming known throughout the Empire and the World, encourage the trust that there will be not only a continuation of such conditions, but greater activity in all industrial efforts during the current year, over all portions of the Dominion, and that the high hopes of the people as to the future of our country will be abundantly realized.

The interesting character of the exhibit made by this Province at the Sportsmen's Show held in Boston in March last, did so much to bring to the notice of the people of this continent the unrivalled opportunities which we offer to the sportsman and tourist, and was in all respects so promotive of good results, that the expectations of my Government in undertaking the display were, I am pleased to announce, more than realized.