

The awakened interest which I am glad to note is being taken in the Mineral resources of our Province has encouraged my Government to take further steps to secure the prospecting and development of the heretofore dormant wealth of our resources, and a measure having this object in view will be submitted for your consideration.

The efforts already put forth by my Government, to stimulate and advance the Agricultural interests of New Brunswick, have been fraught with such favorable results, that further advances in this same direction are deemed desirable, and there will be presented to you propositions to develop and promote that branch of animal husbandry known as Pork raising, with a view to the promotion of pork packing establishments in our midst, thus enabling us as a Province to more successfully compete with other Provinces and States, in the markets of Great Britain and other countries.

The pronounced success which has attended the efforts of my Government to advance the cheese industry, has encouraged them to make additional strenuous efforts to induce the manufacture of creamery butter throughout the Province during the whole year. To this end there has been erected a model creamery and butter making establishment at Sussex, which is now in successful operation, and has so fully demonstrated the fact that butter of the best grade can be advantageously made in the Province, at all seasons, that the Government confidently anticipate that similar industries will be established as the result of private enterprise at all suitable points; already one such industry has been started at Woodstock. This establishment at Sussex has incidentally enabled the Government to provide the very best facilities for a Provincial Dairy School.

The desirability of encouraging the settlement of our public lands by our own people and by suitable immigrants from other lands, has been recognized in the past by the Government, and I feel assured that there is no abatement of that desire upon the part of the present Legislature and the people generally. The authority given at their last Session has been acted upon, with results that promise favorably, but it is realized that if we are to encourage any appreciable flow of desirable settlers from the old lands, it will be necessary to have more and better information, in succinct form, as to the natural features and varied resources of our whole Province, and of its facilities for every branch of industry, than has heretofore existed, with a view to its judicious dissemination and distribution among the people of Great Britain and other European countries.

The interest which is being taken by our people in the subject of improved highways, and the construction and maintenance of our common roads, has resulted in much intelligent discussion as to how these objects can best be obtained. In view of this, you will be asked to make provision for the introduction of modern road machinery, so as to demonstrate to the people, as far as possible, its utility in making and maintaining proper road ways.

The long standing claim of the Province against the Dominion in the matter of the Eastern Extension Railway has, during the recess, received attention, and you will be gratified to learn that my Government has the strongest encouragement to hope that a speedy and satisfactory settlement will be effected in the near future.

The recent decision of the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council, dealing with the subject of the Fisheries, and the respective rights therein of the Provinces and Dominion, confirms the claim made by the Provinces to valuable and extensive fishing rights over which the Dominion Government have hitherto assumed the exclusive property and control, and define more fully than had before been done, the respective jurisdictions of the Federal and Local Governments over the subject matter of the Fisheries, at the same time leaving unimpaired the duty cast upon the Dominion to foster and protect all fisheries. A Committee of my Government, early