

favorable consideration to such measures as will be submitted, having in view the accomplishment of so desirable a work.

We must all deeply regret the outbreak of an epidemic of Smallpox in some of the northern and eastern counties of our Province. Active measures were promptly taken under the direction of my government, having in view the stamping out of the disease, where established, and the prevention of its further spread. The results thus far achieved warrant the hope that the measures taken will prove efficient.

I have directed the accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past fiscal year, as well as a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the current fiscal 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 incident to the growth of our Province and the expansion of its public service.

Bills will be introduced to provide for the establishment and maintenance of Public Parks, to amend the law relating to Municipalities, to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the office of Coroner, and to consolidate the Common Schools Act and to amend the laws relating to other important subjects, and I trust that your deliberations will, under Divine guidance, be conducted with a wise regard for the public weal.

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