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### ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, February 28, 1901.

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:*

I welcome you again to the discharge of your legislative duties and am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the satisfactory progress made by the people of New Brunswick since you last met. The general prosperity of the Dominion, which has been shared by this Province, is cause for profound thankfulness, and I have every reason to believe that it is likely to be enduring.

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of the passing to her Eternal Rest of our late beloved Sovereign, and I am sure that you and all the people of the Province join in the universal sorrow occasioned by this sad event.

As head of a vast Empire during more than half of the past century, her beneficent and constitutional Rule, as well as her noble example in all relations of life, have made her name respected and revered. The people, through you, will desire to give an expression of their sympathy with the Royal Family in their great bereavement; while acknowledging, with loyal confidence and continued fealty, the accession to the Throne, of His Majesty King Edward VII.

The prompt and effective assistance given by Canada in the South African struggle has shown in a very practical way the loyalty of the people to the British Crown and Policy; and we cannot fail to notice the fact that the conduct of our own Provincial Volunteers has been so favorably recognized and appreciated.

The subject of Technical Education, involving instruction in Agriculture, Mining and the Mechanical Arts, in respect to which the Legislative Assembly gave authority to enter into arrangements with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, has during the recess engaged the earnest attention of my Government. After very careful consideration of the matter, it has been concluded that the establishment of a School, properly equipped, for the purpose of giving instruction in Mining and the Mechanical Arts would involve an expense which, with the limited resources of the Province, it is not advisable to undertake. My Government has felt it desirable, however, that provision should be made for the establishment of a School of Agriculture and Horticulture, and a definite understanding has been arrived at with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in reference to this important subject, the details of which will be submitted to you and which it is hoped will meet with your approval. I think you will agree with me that this project is of great importance, because of the fact that the permanent prosperity of our Province depends largely upon its agricultural development. With the generous