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ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 6, 1902.

THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at half-past two o'clock His Honor the Honorable JABEZ BUNTING SNOWBALL, 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:

It affords me very great pleasure to meet you in Parliament assembled for the discharge of your important Legislative duties for the first time since I have entered upon the trust reposed in me as the Representative of His most Gracious Majesty in this Province.

We have recently been honored by the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, now the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Government of the Province took the necessary measures to receive the Royal party in a suitable manner. The enthusiastic greeting accorded to the distinguished visitors was especially pleasing to them, and testified in a marked degree to the loyalty of the people of our Province.

During the past summer His Excellency the Governor General and the Countess of Minto visited various sections of the Province and were everywhere most enthusiastically received. Their gracious manner and the deep interest shown by their Excellencies in the industries, progress and welfare of our people, have produced a favorable and lasting impression.

The death, at the hands of an assassin, of the President of the neighboring Republic, with which this Province has such intimate business and social relations, evoked a deep feeling of sympathy, and the Government, desiring to voice the sentiments of the people, extended to the United States Government, through His Excellency the Governor General, an expression of the profound sorrow which we felt, in common with all civilized nations, at the lamentable and tragic event.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of business, and the success which is attending the efforts of our people in the various pursuits in which they are engaged. The continued and rapid development of the Dairying industries of the Province, as shown by the increase in the production and exports of cheese and butter by the large number of cheese factories and creameries, which have been established under the liberal encouragement afforded by the Government, is most gratifying.

Being satisfied that there is reason to hope for indefinite expansion in this direction, my Government will, with your approval, continue the same vigorous policy as hitherto.