

The building of improved Roller Flour Mills has given considerable impetus to the growth of wheat and has resulted in saving to our people large sums of money which would otherwise be sent out of the Province for flour. I am sure that you will be gratified to know that the financial assistance which you authorized for the erection of these mills has already been productive of such good results, and that you will approve of this policy being continued so that all parts of the country may receive the benefit of Government assistance in this direction.

Consequent upon the legislation passed at the last session to provide for the development of the coal areas of Queen's and Sunbury, the railway to the Coal fields is now under construction, and it will not be long before the line from Chipman to Fredericton will be completed. My Government anticipates a marked stimulus to the industrial life of the Province as well as a very considerable addition to the Provincial revenues as a result of this undertaking.

The rapid development of Canadian winter business through the Port of St. John is most gratifying. The aid granted some years ago by the Province towards the building of wharves and an elevator at that Port, and the extremely liberal expenditure on the part of the City, have produced results which cannot but prove of permanent benefit, not alone to the City of St. John but to the whole Province, and to the Dominion as well, which is interested in having Canadian business carried on through Canadian ports.

It affords me pleasure to inform you that since you last convened, the Dominion Government has paid to the Province the amount of the Eastern Extension award, with the exception of a small portion which has been withheld pending an arrangement being made between the two Governments in respect to a claim regarding certain land taken as part of the right of way for the railway out of which the claim arose.

My Government has during the recess continued to urge a settlement of the various questions in respect to the Fisheries outstanding between it and the Government of Canada, and I have reason to hope that before very long, either a friendly arrangement will be arrived at, or that the questions at issue will be submitted to the Courts so that the rights of the Province may be fully determined.

By the recent judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council it has been decided that the Fisheries within the territorial limits of the Provinces belong to the Provinces, and in the opinion of my Advisers it follows that the amount of the Halifax Award should have been paid to the Provinces and not to the Dominion. My Government will press for payment to this Province of the portion of the Award to which it is properly entitled.

The Legislature at its session in the year A. D. 1888 approved of certain Resolutions, which in the month of October of the previous year had been agreed to at Quebec at a conference of delegates and members representing the Executive Governments of five of the Provinces of Canada, called for the purpose of conferring upon questions of Inter-Provincial interest.

It seems proper that effective steps should be taken to press earnestly upon the Dominion Government the desirability of having the British North America Act so amended as to carry out the views embodied in the Quebec Resolutions, at least in so far as relates to the readjustment of the allowances by the Dominion to the Provinces.

Your attention will be invited to this important subject.