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### ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

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This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honour Josiah Wood, D. C. L., LL. D., 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:*

It gives me much pleasure to again greet you on assembling for the dispatch of your Legislative duties. I am confident you will devote yourselves earnestly to the consideration of public measures, and the business coming before the Legislature from day to day, and that you will discharge your duties with such ability as will promote the public interest.

Looking back over the past year, we have every reason to be grateful for the blessings abundantly bestowed upon us by a kind Providence. The season proved favorable for the production of good crops, and an excellent harvest was gathered. In most lines prices have been satisfactory. In consequence, our great industry of Agriculture is in a sound and healthy condition.

The lumber industry of the Province has also had a successful year. With the exception of a strike in the mills at St. John, which tied the industry up for a time, the year has been one of unusual activity. Unemployment has been practically unknown within the Province during the year and labor has been fairly remunerated. Business conditions have been satisfactory, and altogether the financial stringency, with its corresponding curtailment of business, has been but little felt throughout our Province.

In the Agricultural Department there has been great activity throughout the year. The Staff in this Department has been largely increased, and new work is being undertaken. It is pleasing to note that there is substantial progress and development along agricultural lines. The Exhibitions held in the fall of last year were all of a high character, and the attendance unusually large. The report from this Department will give a record of the many branches of work now being carried on and the excellent results being secured.

It is particularly pleasing that there is an increase in dairy production throughout the Province. The value of our dairy products for the past year will be the largest in the history of the Province.

A short time ago there was placed by the United States an embargo against potato shipments from Canada into that country. This action was one of great importance to the agriculturist in New Brunswick. The Agricultural Department has kept in touch with the American authorities, representatives from the Department and from the potato shippers having attended a meeting in Washington in December and subsequently a meeting at Bangor, Maine. The embargo is on account of the potato disease known as the Powdery Scab. The Department has for several weeks been carrying on vigorous inspection efforts, and while there are many localities which are free, or nearly free from the disease, it cannot be contended that the disease does not exist in the Province. A measure dealing with this important subject and looking to the eradication of the disease will be presented for your consideration.

The Vocational School at Woodstock, provided by the Executors of the late L. P. Fisher under the terms of his will, has been completed and has been conveyed to the Crown to be used for Agricultural and other purposes. A Principal for this School has been secured and a Short Course in Agriculture will commence early in March. It is earnestly hoped that a large number of young men from the farms will avail themselves of the instruction given at this school.