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ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, Saturday, April 29th, 1916.

This day at 8.30 o'clock a. m., 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, after assenting to the several Bills passed during the Session, was pleased to close the Session with the following

SPEECH :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I desire to thank you for the zeal and diligence you have given to the discharge of your Legislative duties, and it affords me much pleasure to give the Royal sanction to the various Acts you have passed during the Session.

Some of the legislation passed this Session is of more than ordinary importance. In the Bill respecting the St. John and Quebec Railway Company you have reached a happy settlement of the difficulties connected with this enterprise and have adopted measures which will enable this important work to be completed and ready for operation within a reasonable time.

The Act for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquor gives evidence of great care and labor in its preparation. No effort has been spared to perfect provisions for its successful operation. The present time is opportune for the passage of such a Bill. Its necessity is more apparent than ever before and it is hoped that it may be the means of materially lessening and ultimately completely doing away with the evils resulting from the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

The Bill to facilitate raising money for patriotic purposes during the continuance of the war is in harmony with the patriotic sentiment of the country.

Other Bills which you have passed I trust will promote the prosperity of the country and the welfare of the people.

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the several important services of the Province.

I cannot take leave of you without making a brief reference to the one subject which overshadows all others, and in comparison with which our local matters sink into utter insignificance. We realize more vividly than ever before, the terrible nature of this great war in which we are engaged. The untold suffering and wholesale slaughter on the battle field have for us new terrors from the fact that so many of our own countrymen are engaged in them. We read the accounts which appear in the newspapers with the greatest anxiety, and scan the list of casualties for the names of our relatives and friends. There are very few families in Canada to-day who have not had some one among their number who has been engaged in these terrible onslaughts. In many cases they are lying wounded in the hospitals or in their last resting place upon the battle field.

I congratulate those who have won well-deserved distinction and earned the gratitude of their country for their acts of daring and heroism. I desire to express my sympathy with the parents, relatives and friends of those whose lives have been sacrificed to save their country. I sincerely trust that their burden of sorrow and grief may be lightened by the thought that the lives of these brave men were sacrificed in the discharge of the highest duty a human being can be called upon to perform.

In relieving you of your legislative duties, I desire to assure you that you have my sincere wishes for your individual happiness and prosperity.

JOSIAH WOOD.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Honour, Josiah Wood, D. C. L.,

LL. D., Lieutenant-Governor of the

Province of New Brunswick.

continued its Sittings until this day, being the twenty-ninth day of April instant. I have thought fit to further prorogue the said Legislative Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly, to Thursday, the twenty-second day of June next.

Given under my hand and seal at Fredericton, the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By command of the Lieutenant-Governor.

D. V. LANDRY.



JOSIAH WOOD.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of this Province convened on Thursday, the ninth day of March last, and