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By Authority

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Fredericton, Thursday, April 17, 1919.

This day, at 12 o'clock p.m., His Honour William Pugsley, D. C. L., LL. D., K. C., P. C., 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:

In relieving you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties, I desire to express my appreciation of the diligence with which you have devoted yourselves to the work of the Session, and of the efforts which you have constantly shown to pass legislation worthy of the high character and intelligence of the people whom you represent in this Assembly.

In addition to the many Acts which have been passed of a Private and Local Character, you have been asked by my Government to consider measures of great importance to the well-being of the Province.

Included in these measures is the Act to Assist The Soldier Settlement Board, and the special appropriation which you have made for the purchase of Land for Soldiers with Physical Disabilities. The generous provision which you have thus made for those who have so nobly performed their duty to Canada and to the Empire in the Great War now happily ended, will, I am sure, meet with universal approval.

The Act to provide for Better Housing; the Act making more liberal provision for the Education of the Blind; also the Act respecting Jurors and Juries, intended to secure as far as possible the just and impartial administration of the law, both civil and criminal, are especially worthy of mention.

You have, I think, done well—in this time of reconstruction and necessary consideration of how best to promote the public welfare—to give more than ordinary attention to the subject of the Education of the Youth of the Province. The increasing difficulty of procuring and retaining the services of teachers, attributable, no doubt, in part at least to the high cost of living and to the more liberal salaries offered by the Western Provinces of Canada, has impressed upon my Government the necessity of taking steps to improve existing conditions in this respect, and I sincerely trust that your action in providing for the appointment of a Commission to consider and report upon this important subject will be productive of good results.

I am pleased to learn that the measure submitted by my Government, granting the right of suffrage to women, both single and married, in all respects equally with men, has met with your approval. The splendid work which the women have done during the War, and the intelligence and businesslike capacity which they have shown in so many lines of activity, inspire me with the confident hope that in the great work of national progress and development intellectual and moral as well as material, they will prove that no mistake has been made in so promptly recognizing their right to an equal voice with men in the selection of those who are to govern the country in the future.

In a few days the terms of Peace agreed upon by representatives of Great Britain and her Allies at the Peace Conference will be submitted for the signature of the Governments of the enemy countries, and I am sure that your earnest hope is that Peace, under which the whole world will speedily recover from the horrible effects of War, will be established, and that the ideals of democracy, liberty and Christianity which have so signally triumphed in the recent struggle, will endure for all time.

I thank you for the generous provision which you have made for the important public services of the Province.

In now bringing this Session of the Legislature to a close, permit me to extend to all of you my earnest wish for your individual prosperity and happiness.

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS HONOUR WILLIAM PUGSLEY,
D. C. L., LL. D., K. C., P. C., LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW
BRUNSWICK.

WILLIAM PUGSLEY

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of this Province convened on Thursday, the sixth day of March last, and continued its sittings until this day, being the seventeenth day of April instant, I have thought fit to prorogue the said Legislative Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly, to Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of May next.

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

By Command of the Lieutenant-Governor,
ROBERT MURRAY.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

APPOINTMENTS.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:
James Burns, of Inniskillen Station, in the County of Queens, to be an Auctioneer.
C. B. Copp, of Port Elgin, to the County of Westmorland,