

as well as to consider the labour provisions of the Treaty of Peace. It is satisfactory to note that legislation is already upon our Statute Books providing for a Bureau and a Commissioner of Labour which will enable the Government to take such action as seems to them to be necessary in the interest of Labour and of industry.

During the period of the War, the building formerly occupied by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province and the considerable acreage of ground in connection therewith, known as Government House and grounds, in the City of Fredericton, were utilized without rental charge by the Military authorities for Hospitals and Vocational Schools, and a very large expenditure was made by them not only to erect buildings suitable for military purposes, but also to convert the former Government House into a modern hospital. Since this was done, negotiations have been pending between the Dominion Department of Public Works and the Provincial Government for the transfer of the above properties to the Federal Government, and in view of the legislation already on our Statute Books designating the proceeds of this property when disposed of as a trust fund, your attention will be invited to a consideration of how the said fund should be disposed of.

I have directed the accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the coming year up to the opening of the present Session, to be laid before you.

The estimates of the probable Income and Expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you, and I believe that you will find that the estimates for the expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I wish to assure you in conclusion of my belief and confidence in your patriotism and zeal for the public good, and to express the hope that your deliberations will result in promoting the welfare and increasing the prosperity of the Province.