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FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, March 17, 1921.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the First Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly, at three o'clock 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, was pleased to open the Session with the following

SPEECH

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to welcome you for the discharge of your Legislative duties to the First Term of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province and to join with you in an expression of thankfulness to Divine Providence for the blessings of Peace, and generally abundant harvest, and for the absence of that unrest in commercial and social conditions which has prevailed in many parts of the world since the Great War.

This is the first Session since the general election and I extend a hearty greeting to all of you, both new and old Members, and trust that the result of your deliberations at this time may be of great benefit to the Province.

During the recess my Government has devoted itself to the encouragement of agriculture and substantial progress is noticeable throughout the Province. The crops were fairly good and the prices satisfactory in the earlier part of the year. The supply of one important product, potatoes, was, however, so abundant in our usual markets as to reduce the price very materially. However, the reduction in very many cases of the price of other commodities will assist to balance the decreased prices of some farm products, all fluctuations being a part of the readjustment process which has created so much uncertainty during the last year.

The establishment of one of the most up-to-date plants for the crushing of lime rock and the distribution of one of our natural resources as an aid to fertilizing the soil, has been energetically and successfully carried on. The large demand for this product fully justifies the expectations that such would meet with the approval of agriculturists generally.

In further assistance to agriculture, my Government proposes to encourage the flax industry and to supply flax seed to those interested in its production. You will be asked to make an appropriation for this purpose.

I am happy to state that during the year very satisfactory progress has been made toward developing the water power on the Musquash River, where upwards of Eight Thousand horse power will in the very near future be available for industrial and domestic purposes. The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission has caused investigation of other water powers to be made, and plans to meet the wishes of the people for water power development