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This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, 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 Second Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, and to join with you in an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings we have enjoyed during the past year, both in material respects, including a fairly abundant harvest, and for progress in the work of reconstruction which has occupied the attention of all the world since the end of the Great War.

It seems fitting that in this connection I should refer to an event of momentous world importance which has recently taken place, and which is likely to make for permanent peace among the great nations and go far towards rapidly bringing about a condition of widespread confidence and prosperity. This event is the holding of the Disarmament Conference at Washington,—the first Conference of the kind in the history of the world,—the deliberations of which have been marked by great frankness and International good will.

Since the last session of this Legislature, Canada has been called upon to speed the departure of a highly esteemed Governor-General—the Duke of Devonshire—and to extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Baron Byng of Vimy and also to Lady Byng; and on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick I join in this welcome to a Governor-General whose reputation stands so high in Canada as a great soldier and leader of men, and who is so well known to hosts of our young men who followed his leadership in the fields of France and Flanders.