

Falls of Nepisiquit to important industries and for lighting purposes in the Town of Newcastle. The extension of the Hydro power from St. John toward Moncton has been given careful consideration and the results of the surveys of the engineers, together with estimates of cost for such extensions, will no doubt be laid before you during the session.

The important question of Railway freight rates, to which your attention was called and which you had under discussion at the last session of the Legislature, has not yet been settled to the satisfaction of the business people of the Maritime Provinces, but many conferences have been held at which this Province has been well represented, and in co-operation with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, demand for those rights which were a part of the compact of Confederation, will be vigorously pressed.

The attention of the Government at Ottawa has again been called to the arrangements, uncompleted on the part of the Federal Administration, to take over the Wharves in tidal waters, which was proposed by the Federal Minister of Public Works in 1918, and agreed to by the Department of Public Works of this Province, which had all the necessary wharves surveyed and Orders-in-Council passed, as well as an Act passed by the Legislature as requested by the Federal Government, as the Province's part of the arrangement.

The revenues of the province during the year were greater than was estimated and the expenditures exceeded the income by a considerable amount. Large outlays were caused by unexpected emergencies such as the fighting of forest fires and the construction of ordinary bridges necessary to the safety of the travelling public.

I commend to your careful consideration such proposals as may be submitted to you with a view to improving the financial situation in the province.

The matter of the transfer of the Natural Resources to the Western Provinces is now receiving consideration by the Dominion Authorities. My Government has already taken steps to secure proper recognition of our claims.

Vocational and Industrial Education through Day, Evening and Itinerant schools has made substantial progress during the year, a report of which will in due course be laid before you for your consideration.

The needs of Public Health are daily being made more apparent throughout the countries of the civilized world—the conservation of Health and lives of the people. In this respect New Brunswick through its Department of Health is rendering a service in this regard which has already justified its existence. Amendments to this Act will be introduced during this session.

Several other important measures will be presented for your attention, including a consolidation of the Schools Act, and amendments to other important Acts will touch upon the public welfare.

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you, together with the estimates of revenue and expenditure, which have been prepared with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public service.

I commend the work of the session to your most earnest attention and invoke the Divine Blessing upon your deliberations.