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This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honour, William Frederic Todd, 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 gives me much pleasure to welcome you to the third Session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of our Province. I am confident you will devote yourselves earnestly to the consideration of public measures coming before the Legislature, and you will discharge your duties with such ability as will promote the public interest.

I join with you in an expression of gratitude to Divine Providence for the blessings enjoyed by our people during the past year. While the season proved favorable for the production of good crops, I regret that once more I have to make reference to conditions that have affected the marketing of certain products of the soil. While live stock products have been disposed of with a reasonable measure of success, and while the dairy and poultry products have been considerably increased and fair prices obtained, the prices offered for potatoes and hay were very discouraging, retarding to a large degree the prosperity of those engaged in these two branches of agriculture. The crops of small fruits and apples were good, and while the prices realized showed a somewhat lower tendency, they were not discouraging to the producers. The profitable production of apples, as a phase of