

the Municipalities of the Province, such as prevailed under the previous system. The work carried on through clinics, and recent lecture courses by eminent specialists in Social Hygiene, has brought about an increased interest in the abatement and, if possible, the suppression of venereal diseases in this Province. I am pleased to be able to announce that statistics show considerable reduction in the general and infant death rate. The successful establishment of a Health Centre in the City of Saint John, largely supported by voluntary contributions and conducted by an active Board of Governors composed of leading citizens of Saint John, will, it is confidently hoped, enhance the Public Health, not only in Saint John, but, by its example, in the other important centres of population, throughout the Province.

Vocational Education is making steady progress and many communities are taking advantage of the liberal assistance available. There seems to be a greater interest displayed than heretofore towards the establishment of day schools for industrial training, two of the latest and most modern being those of Edmundston and Milltown. It is the aim of my Government to materially assist in training the youth of the country for their various vocations, and to this end Educational Surveys have been made in many of the larger cities and towns in the Province and reports laid before the citizens for their consideration and action. My Government considers it essential to aid in promoting a training in vocations that will place this Province on a competitive basis with other Provinces and States.

The question of Immigration and Colonization has been the subject of a conference between the Federal Government and the various Provincial Governments. My Government, while co-operating with the Federal authorities on the question of immigration, will exercise the utmost care in the encouragement of those desiring to settle in this Province. I am pleased to inform you that steps have been taken to facilitate the settlement of our Crown Lands wherever such lands can be made available, with the object of encouraging our own people to remain in the Province.

You will be asked to consider Bills to provide for a speedy and inexpensive remedy for the quieting of titles, to provide for warehousemen's liens and special liens, to consolidate and amend the Rates and Taxes Act, to consolidate and amend the Act to establish Electoral Districts and sub-districts in the Province, and to consolidate the Provincial Hospital Act, to amend New Brunswick Electric Power Act, 1920, and other public Statutes, in addition to other measures to be submitted for your consideration.

The revenues of the Province, during the past year, were greater than anticipated and notwithstanding the damages caused by the unprecedented freshets in June and August, my Government was able to keep the expenditure within the revenue.

The accounts of the income and expenditure for the past fiscal year, together with a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year, up to the opening of the present Session, will be laid before you.

Estimates of the income and expenditure for the current year, will be submitted and I trust you will find that they have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Assuring you of my faith in your zeal and your desire to faithfully discharge your duties, I now leave you to your deliberations.