

During the present year, in view of the very considerable number of mental defectives throughout the Province, it is the intention of the Department to engage the service of a trained psychiatrist to investigate as respects the number and conditions of this unfortunate class so that facilities for proper education and training may be afforded.

As the records of the Department make it clear that a considerable number of deaths from diphtheria occur yearly because of the absence of medical attendance or the late stage of the disease at which medical assistance is called, it is the purpose of the Department to attempt the permanent immunization of as many children to this disease as possible, each year. This service will be proceeded with as rapidly as funds are available.

As Tuberculosis still continues to be one of the principal causes of death among our people, it is most important that every practicable means should be taken to abate its incidence. With this in view the Department will use every exertion to encourage the formation of provincial and local associations, the object of which will be to curtail the prevalence of this disease. Through the efforts of such societies, it is hoped that clinics for the treatment and cure of persons so affected may be established in sufficient number throughout the Province.

The important discovery of Insulin, as a remedy for diabetes has induced my Government to set aside an appropriate sum to supply this remedy to those so affected who are unable to pay for it. Such grants will be made according to regulations which are now being formulated. It is hoped in this way to lessen the incidence of mortality of this fatal disease.

A noted increase in the number of children attending the schools of the Province has taken place during the year, as well as an increase in the attendance of students at the Normal School, both reaching the highest point in our history. It is a subject of great satisfaction for me to be able to draw your attention to this evidence of the very greatly increased interest in matters pertaining to the education of the youth of our Province.

Vocational Education has continued to make steady progress, and it is encouraging to note the deep interest manifested all over the Province in this branch of our educational system.

During recess several conferences were held between representatives of the Government, the Employers of Labour and the Employees with the view of reaching a better understanding and co-operation between all persons interested in the development of our industries. It is hoped that much good will result from these deliberations.

The success attending the last provincial loan is indicative of the splendid financial standing of our Province in the money markets and the high value of our securities, and I am pleased to inform you that the Province of New Brunswick bonds brought higher prices than bonds of any other Province of the Dominion of Canada.

Bills to consolidate and amend the Rates and Taxes Act, to consolidate the Statutes of New Brunswick, to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, a Bill to make uniform the law relating to Life Insurance, and also other measures will be submitted for your consideration.

The revenues during the past year were greater than was anticipated and notwithstanding the very urgent demands from the various sections of the Province, my Government was able to keep the ordinary expenditure within the revenue without impairing the efficiency of the service in the various branches of Government.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the past