

fifty per cent. Infant Mortality has been reduced from 135 to about 100 per 1000 births, and deaths from all causes have been reduced from 15.16 to 12.3 per thousand of population since 1920, a saving of from 500 to 1200 lives annually. You will note with interest that my Government this year assumes the direct responsibility of the service of Medical Inspection of Schools throughout the Province, thus permanently relieving the municipalities of that portion of their budget relating to Public Health. Realizing the very large sacrifice of life caused by Tuberculosis throughout the Province, a loss preventable in a large measure, and that such prevention can truly be brought about largely by education, my Government has granted a sum of money sufficient to sustain a travelling Diagnostician among whose duties will be the establishment of clinics in the more populous centres throughout the Province, by means of which, education and other measures for the abatement of this disease may be diffused. During the past year, lay organizations have been established throughout the Province, with the object in view, not only to assist and cooperate in their respective districts with the carrying on of Child Welfare, Social Hygiene and Tuberculosis Clinics, but in addition to eventually assume full responsibility for their support.

The continued favorable weather and the very large increase in the tourist travel by automobile, together with a still greater increase anticipated for 1925, have induced my Government to carry on road construction on a more extensive scale than contemplated at the first of the season of 1924. As a consequence, the credits for our main trunk line work will require to be readjusted and increased in order to permit a continuation of the highway policy, which, so far, has made New Brunswick so favorably known throughout Canada and the United States. You will be asked to consider such Legislation as is deemed necessary to further improve our main arteries of traffic, as well as our secondary and branch roads.

Negotiations with the Government of Canada, looking to a continuation of the Federal Aid to highways have been carried on during recess, jointly with other Provinces, but so far my Government is not prepared to say that such negotiations resulted in any definite assurance on the part of Federal authorities.

During recess, my Government, anxious to make known the natural resources of our Province, from an industrial, agricultural and tourist view point, devoted considerable attention to advertising in Upper Canada, the United States and Europe, special care being given to advertising at the Wembley Exhibition. Numerous inquiries have been received as a result of this advertising and the hope is entertained that the Province will greatly benefit therefrom.

The marked success of Canada at the Wembley Exhibition was a source of pride to all Canadians and has reflected great credit on our fair Dominion. We have every reason to feel a legitimate pride in the part taken by our own Province in this greatest of all world exhibitions.

The question of immigration has continued to occupy the attention of my Government during recess. While no special effort was made to encourage immigration on a large scale, a number of very desirable immigrants were located in the Province. My Government recognizes the necessity of increased population to stimulate industrial development, but desires to be very careful in the selection