

made, and with that object in view, arrangements have been made by which well qualified agents have been engaged to visit the agricultural districts of Great Britain and the Scandinavian centres. In adopting this policy of immigration, my Government has not been unmindful of the necessity of putting forth every effort to keep our own people at home and to induce as far as possible those who may have left us to return to their native soil. In conformity with this policy, my Government has now under consideration regulations which will facilitate the opening up of new colonization districts, which will give more encouragement to the honest settler who desires to establish himself upon the Crown Lands of the Province, and at the same time bearing in mind the vested interests in our public domain.

The development of our water powers is still occupying the close attention of my Government. All preparatory work in connection with the development of Grand Falls has been completed, and we are now only awaiting the decision of the International Waterways Commission to permit of the undertaking of this great work, which my Government is sure will stimulate the growth and the progress of our Province.

The development of the tidal waters of the Petitcodiac River, is receiving the active attention of my Government. During recess the Federal Government, at the request of the Government of New Brunswick, had borings taken and soundings made with the view of reaching some conclusion as to the feasibility of such an undertaking, but sufficient data has not so far been obtained which would warrant any definite decision being reached. The work of investigation will be continued and all possible means taken to ascertain if such development is possible.

The continued progress in the education of the youth of our Province has been a source of pleasure to my Government. The enrolment in the public schools has, this year, surpassed all previous records. There is no longer a scarcity of teachers and all branches of education have been maintained at a very high standard. Vocational training makes steady progress in the day and night schools now established. The short courses in mechanical arts are functioning with full classes. It is pleasing to note that various districts are taking advantage of the liberal grants and have erected or are about to erect suitable buildings to enable students to secure free training in commercial and mechanical pursuits as well as in home economics.

During recess my Government has given serious consideration to the question of making provision for free school books, and after a thorough survey of the situation the decision has been reached to provide, for the present, free books in certain grades of our public schools and it is hoped that at a date not too far distant this system may be extended to more advanced grades than at present contemplated. To this end a Bill will be submitted for your consideration.

It is a source of satisfaction to my Government to note that the attempts made, jointly by the Government and a number of our leading citizens, assisted so ably by the press, to bring about a freer exchange of commodities between the various Provinces of Canada, have met with a large measure of success. To assure a complete realization of our hopes in this respect it is absolutely necessary