

Since last we met death has removed the gracious Queen Mother Alexandra whose memory will be precious to the people whom she made her own.

With you I sincerely regret the death of Mr. John M. Flewelling and Mr. Frank L. Potts, elected to represent the constituencies of St. Stephen-Milltown and the County of Saint John. Both gentlemen had given excellent service as Members in the past and their absence today is a reminder of the temporary nature of all human endeavour.

During the year there was unveiled at Rexton in the County of Kent a memorial to the late Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law, a native of that County who was the first Prime Minister of Great Britain born in the overseas Dominions. I am pleased to extend to those who defrayed the cost of this memorial the thanks of the Government and people of this Province.

I desire to impress upon you the fact that agriculture is still our chief industry. Farm crops of all kinds have been abundant and for such of our products as we have had an exportable surplus the prices have been good. Much still remains to be done in this department. Raising of live stock in our hay producing sections should be encouraged as should every effort to manufacture a finished product for consumption or export rather than to sell an article in its raw state. I invite your attention to the standardization of products and the necessity of individual effort for greater production for export. My government will assist so far as is possible in the problem of marketing. Our geographical position gives us an advantage over central and western Canada in the matter of freight which would ensure our access to overseas markets upon a competitive basis.

A commissioner to deal with new industries, marketing, natural resources and immigration, has been appointed and it is hoped by this co-ordination to produce gratifying results.

Our expenditure for highways has been heavy and we must realize that the cost of upkeep will not be light. Leading as they do to scenery which is unsurpassed on this continent, our roads should be used by a greatly increased number of tourists. To that end it is proposed to give assistance to the development of this valuable traffic. In this connection our natural advantages in fish and game must be protected and generous opportunity afforded both to tourists and to our own people to make use of them. The angling possibilities of the Saint John, Miramichi and other rivers are as yet scarcely realized.

It is evident in the matter of forest resources that the lumber industry as hitherto carried on is in a state of transition towards the more highly manufactured forms of pulp and paper. A project is now well under way by which approximately \$5,000,000 of private capital will be invested in the manufacture of these products at Bathurst including the provision of the necessary power and involving the employment of about 1,200 additional hands. Such enterprises should be encouraged, as it is by building up communities founded upon labour that the best results can be obtained for the Province.

My Government, feeling that in railway transportation charges the Maritime Provinces have been at a marked disadvantage since the War, joined with the