

Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the presentation of a case which has been expertly prepared and will be heard before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Moncton on April 6th.

It is the intention of my Government to efficiently enforce the laws of this Province including the law relating to the sale of intoxicants. A new Chief Inspector has been appointed who has just completed the districting of the Province and the appointment of his staff. His work will demonstrate to what extent it is possible to overcome the indifference with relation to this law which has become widespread among the people and to combat the efforts of those who, for personal gain, have persistently set the law at defiance.

My Government in conjunction with the N. B. Electric Power Commission has made a study of the development of power at Grand Falls. More complete surveys than heretofore existed have demonstrated that the expense of storage facilities in the State of Maine will be greater than anticipated. It has been decided that the contract entered into between the Commission and the International Paper Company by which the Province was to contribute the capital required for the development, purchase the rights of the Company and give it practically an exclusive right to take such power as it pleased without obligating it to the use of such power, shall be abrogated. It is necessary that the Province should be protected against possible loss in such an enterprise while at the same time the development should be proceeded with. An arrangement by which the power will be made available for existing as well as prospective manufacturers of pulp and paper, to the extent of the capacity of the Falls will be submitted to you for your approval. Besides this an opportunity will be provided under public control for users of power for other purposes.

In view of the negotiations between the Government of the Dominion and the governments of the Western Provinces for the transfer to those provinces of their natural resources my Government will press upon the Federal Administration the fairness of a readjustment of our financial relations.

My Government feels that the interests of Labour would be promoted by committing them to the care of a Minister and for that purpose will enlarge the Department of Health to include Labour.

The Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before you together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure. The latter must necessarily be based upon the upkeep of the services which the Province has already instituted and for the provision of adequate revenue will be a matter for your serious consideration.

Measures will be submitted to you for the improvement of the law.

I ask your most earnest co-operation for the best interests of the Province under the guidance of Divine Providence.