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Fredericton, April 30th, 1926.

This day at 2.30 a. m. His Honour WILLIAM FREDERIC TODD, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Assembly Chamber and being seated on the Throne after assenting to the several bills passed during the session, was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

SPEECH

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In bringing to a close a Session of more than seven weeks' duration I wish to thank you for the close attention which has been paid to public business and the care with which so many important proposals have been scrutinized.

The work of this Session has had intimate relation to the development of the industrial life of the Province. Measures have been passed by means of which our chief water power will be developed by the aid of outside capital thus bringing into the Province not only the money but also the interest of great industrial concerns. The policy of inducing capital to work with the Province instead of in spite of it is bound to produce excellent results. You have occasion also to rejoice that another water power development is to be undertaken on the Nepisiquit and that the Province is practically assured of three pulp and paper mills together with a large increase in capacity of another mill.

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public services which I am sure will be applied with strict economy. It has been deemed necessary to adopt unusual measures to increase the revenue but I am hopeful that reviving industry may soon enable you to lessen these impositions.

In relieving you from your duties you have my best wishes for your individual prosperity and happiness.