

Crown assures the new Governor General of a warm welcome and a happy sojourn in Canada.

I have been appointed, together with your Premier, to act on a national committee for the celebration of the sixtieth year of Confederation. We will endeavor to represent the feeling of our Province that the success of this great experiment is and always will be dependent upon the recognition of a national unity which shall not permit the upbuilding of any portion at the expense of others and upon the continued recognition of the principles underlying the original compact. I trust the Dominion may become greater as the years go on, but never so great as to forget that it was formed by the consent of all the provinces and that its constitution cannot be changed except by their universal consent.

I await with confidence the action to be taken by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada upon the Duncan Report which has completely vindicated the claims put forth by my government in conjunction with those of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The view which is being promoted that the maritime provinces are getting something out of proportion to the other provinces is radically unsound and does not tend to promote harmony within Confederation. The report of the Commission only and justly professes to recommend action which will partly compensate these provinces for a failure on the part of the Dominion to observe in both letter and spirit the compact of Confederation.

I regret that the just claim of this province for the taking over of the Saint John and Quebec Railway by the Dominion Government was not in terms recommended by the Commission but I note with satisfaction that it is intended to appoint, in accordance with their recommendation, a special commission to further investigate this matter.

You will be pleased to note the excellent progress which is being made in the work at Grand Falls. The fact that the company engaged in its development is endeavoring to obtain storage facilities in the neighboring State of Maine is, I think, a tribute to the wisdom of the Legislature which has left this great project to be developed by its private owners instead of by the province which should not be compelled to resort to the Legislature of a foreign state in order to obtain privileges required for the fullest development of the project. I look confidently to an extension of industry as the result of the completion of this development and its kindred enterprises.

The efforts of the Bathurst Company to develop power on the Nepisiguit are proceeding satisfactorily and will ensure great advantages to that portion of the province.

It is my hope that the efforts of our own people may result in an adequate development of industry upon the Miramichi.

The condition of the lumber market has occasioned a great deal of uneasiness in business circles. I have appointed a commission to investigate the whole condition of this important industry and it is expected that their report will be laid before you during the session.

Tourist travel has increased during the year with resultant benefit to the province. It is proposed to continue and extend the assistance to this important development. My government contributed an excellent exhibit to the Sportsmen's Show recently held in Boston. The collection of New Brunswick's game animals attracted great attention and cannot fail to have a beneficial effect in bringing visitors to the province.

In Agriculture, our most important industry, the results of the year have been encouraging. Steady progress has been made. Well bred, high class, live stock is being increasingly brought into the province. Our local herds have entered into