

successful competition at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto. New Brunswick breeders had also the best collection of Yorkshires ever shown in Chicago. My government has resolved to give to agricultural problems even greater attention than in the past and will gladly co-operate with any effort which may be made by Boards of Trade and other organizations for the development of new markets and the extension of existing markets. Co-operative marketing of live stock has already been undertaken which will ensure to our farmers better prices for their stock. Extensive development of dairying and live stock production it is believed will produce the best results for the Province.

The question of immigration has been much considered by my government in conjunction with the Dominion Department of Immigration. An agreement has been adopted for submission to the Imperial authorities and will be laid before the House when negotiations are terminated. There is under consideration an extension of the Farm Settlement Board Act designed to give as nearly as possible the same advantages to our own people who wish to take up farms as are to be provided by the province for immigrant settlers.

The system of dividing the province into districts each in charge of a highway engineer, though only inaugurated during the past year, has been found to work well, the Public Works Department being thereby kept in closer touch with immediate requirements. It is proposed so to reorganize the system of accounting as to avoid the long delays which for many years have been experienced by those who work on the roads in getting their pay.

My government invites attention to the growing need of some form of care and special attention for the feeble minded. To this end it is intended that a survey shall be undertaken and some scheme for dealing with this problem, devised.

The country is to be congratulated on the favorable outcome of the finances for the year. Unexpected additions to the revenue enabled the whole of the current expenditure to be met out of current revenue and the greater part of the Valley Railway Interest has been met from the same source for the first time in the history of that enterprise. Besides this the estimates exhibited to the country the amount of money intended to be spent upon each service and I am glad to be able to say that the expenditures as a whole were kept practically within the estimates.

Important provisions will be submitted for your consideration in connection with the sale of intoxicating liquor.

The consolidation and revision of the Statutes have been completed. The attention of the House is invited to this useful work.

The Public Accounts for the past year will be submitted to you with estimates of revenue and expenditure.

I trust that your deliberations will be for the benefit of our Province and that in all things you may be led by Divine guidance.