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SPEECH

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I congratulate you upon the celerity with which business has been despatched during the Session and which has been quite consistent with giving to each measure that careful attention which legislation should receive.

It is my hope that the important change which you have made in dealing with the sale of intoxicating liquor will do much to restore to the people a due sense of observance of law while at the same time restricting the use of intoxicants in conformity with the dictates of true temperance. The establishment of a Provincial Police force together with the severe penalties for infraction of the new law and its administration by a Commission entirely outside of the sphere of political action should do much to restrain the illicit traffic in liquor which has been carried on by some of the worst, and to some extent encouraged by some of the best citizens.

The mercantile world will be pleased to have this Province in line with many others in the adoption of the Bulk Sales Act.

Labor and persons supplying material will find better protection than heretofore in the provisions of the new Act respecting the lien of wage earners.

The development of important interests is provided for by a new Mining Act and the extension of the provisions of the legislation relating to timber licenses will, it is hoped, afford an opportunity for much needed revival of industry in the region of the Miramichi.

I am glad to note that increased powers requested by the Bathurst Company, Limited, indicate the practical certainty of the extensive development of that industry while the charter granted to the Petitcodiac Tidal Power Company makes that work possible without tying up the opportunity indefinitely in case the present incorporators should not succeed.

Since the Session opened the recommendations of the Duncan Report have largely been implemented by the Dominion Parliament and you have already, by resolution, expressed your satisfaction with what has been done.

The financial position of the Province shows decided improvement. It has been found possible to repeal the Act providing for direct taxation and I believe that the appropriations which you have made for the public service will be met out of revenue.