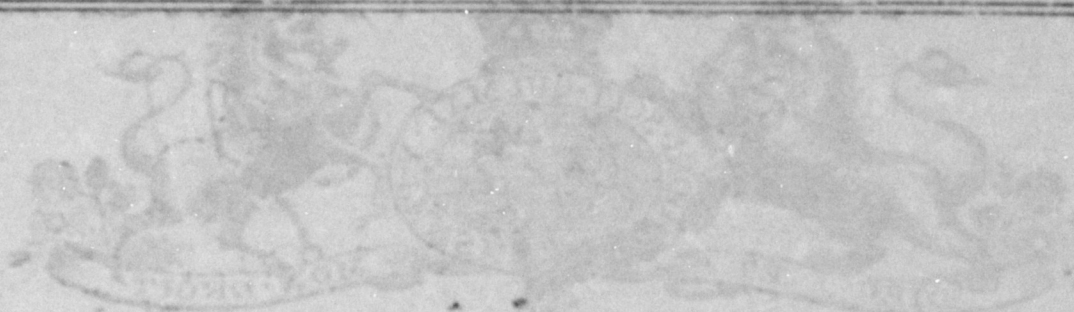




able L. C. S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, was also in our Province for a short time at the completion of his world tour through the British Dominions. I feel that such visits do much to enable our people to recognize the common aims and essential solidarity of the many component parts of our Empire.

I congratulate you upon the greatly increasing tourist travel which has come to the Province. A large party of British journalists were visiting Saint John while a group of representative French Canadians were spending some hours at the Capital. A numerous delegation came from the World's Poultry Congress, and a representative body of Mining Engineers inspected the potential resources of the Province. Particularly pleasing was the visit of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, by far the senior organization of its kind upon this Continent. Among those bodies and among the thousands of tourists who did not come under the auspices of any organization, I feel assured that there must have been many who will advertise the Province in a way which will advance its material interests.

The new Mining Act, which was adopted at your last Session, has already been productive of marked benefit. The attention of capitalists and prospectors has been directed towards our Province, and, in consequence, the antimony mines at Lake George are being reopened; exploration for copper is proceeding in the County of Carleton; deposits of similar ore are being investigated in King's County and preparation is being made for development of oil shales in the County of Albert. The Canadian National Railways and The Canadian Pacific Railway have both generously assisted in the investigation of the mineral and other resources of the Province, and their advanced policy is appreciated by my Government and by the people of the Province.

Careful preparation was made for the sale of the fisheries, which last year resulted in the highest prices ever obtained for leases, while provision was made for our own sportsmen to enjoy similar privileges on waters reserved from the sale.

Provision will be made this year to enable the Department of Agriculture to have a District Representative in each county, which is expected to be of assistance in extending the operations of that Department. The services of the Department have been well kept up and it is hoped to be able to extend them.

The celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the Dominion was heartily and loyally undertaken by our people in common with those of the rest of Canada. The attention which was thus directed, not only to the history of our country, but as well to its great possessions and possibilities has, I feel, stimulated a new interest in our common country, and will enable us all to enter with more confidence upon the vision of the part which we are destined to take in the affairs of the world.

The Province was represented at the Conference which was held at Ottawa in the month of November last between the several Provinces and the Cabinet of the Dominion. The discussions which took place were marked by great liberality of view and a frank interchange of opinions, as well as sympathetic discussion of the problems which confront each portion of the Dominion. The deliberations