

of the Conference cannot fail, in my opinion, to be productive of good. During the sessions the announcement was made that the increased subsidy recommended by the Duncan Report would be paid in full for our last fiscal year. The further adjustment of Provincial subsidies remains to be determined, but the general concurrence that those portions of the Dominion, which are not so fortunately situated as some others, are entitled to sympathetic treatment, gives to our people a confidence that the Dominion of Canada as a whole is desirous that justice shall be done in accordance with the spirit of the compact of Confederation.

During the year a Provincial Police Force has been formed and has already performed much effective work. In districts where there already exists an organized police it will assist when necessary, but its chief purpose is to enforce law and order and detect crime in those parts of the Province where no municipal organization exists to which a police force can be responsible.

I shall ask you to assist in the great work of ridding the Province of the scourge of tuberculosis by making a more liberal provision than heretofore, so that the municipalities may have the burden of maintenance of indigent patients materially lessened.

I hope that we may yet receive some assurance of increased assistance from the Federal Government to the scheme of old age pensions which may enable my government to deal more effectively with the matter than the present resources of the Province will admit.

My Government has endeavored to create conditions favourable to industrial expansion. The result is seen in the development at Grand Falls which will in a few months be completed. Important works for the manufacture of pulp and paper, which are dependent upon this power, will be proceeded with, and I am assured that the extension heretofore planned for the Bathurst Company will not be interfered with by the re-organization of that Company's enterprises.

The credit of the Province stands justly high. Our bonds in November last sold at a better price than have those of any other Province since the war up to that time. For the first time since the adoption of the Audit Act of 1918 there has been a real surplus on current account, and no issue of bonds has been made to take care of current expenditure or to balance a deficit. It must, however, be borne in mind, that our financial resources, though much improved, are still insufficient to admit of our taking upon ourselves any new burdens of a serious character, and that prudence amounting to frugality must still be practised in public expenditure.

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

I trust that in all your deliberations you may feel that, in doing the work of your country, you are performing service for your Divine Master.