

by which it is hoped that persons engaged in road work may be paid fortnightly and with less delay than has hitherto prevailed.

It is gratifying to note that those engaged in the lumber industry have enjoyed a reasonably successful year, and that the territorial revenue showed a substantial surplus over the estimate. During the year the Canadian Forestry Association held a Convention at Fredericton, which did much towards stimulating the protection and conservation of our forest areas.

Marked activity has been shown in connection with the investigation of our mineral assets, this work having been carried on extensively by each of the Canadian Railway organizations, as well as by other private organizations.

The tourist industry has shown substantial growth during the past year. Appreciating the value that would accrue to the Province, my Government authorized the placing of an exhibit at the New England Sportsmen's Show, recently held in the City of Boston. The exhibit was a very creditable one, and it is believed that the publicity derived from the participation in this Show will be of great benefit in attracting sportsmen and tourists to the Province.

In the Department of Agriculture satisfactory progress has been made in the live stock branch evidenced by an increase in Calf, Swine and Poultry Clubs. We have had the largest return from factory dairy products ever known in the records of the Department. Immigration has increased and the one hundred family British Settlement Agreement has resulted satisfactorily.

The aid given to patients suffering from tuberculosis has been of great assistance in many localities and has resulted in considerable relief to the municipalities. It is hoped that in the near future it may be possible to develop additional institutional care for the sufferers from this disease. The generosity of an anonymous donor who is providing a Children's hospital in connection with the institution at Saint John will be gratefully appreciated by the people of the Province.

I have pleasure in calling attention to the fact that the public accounts again show a surplus on current account. Notwithstanding this it will still be necessary to be careful in the matter of expenditures so that the Province may not again lapse into the practice of funding its current deficits.

The public accounts for the past year will be laid before you with estimates of revenue and expenditure, which have been prepared with a due sense of the requirements of the country.

I trust that you may seek and obtain Divine guidance in all your deliberations.