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Fredericton, March 26th 1931.

This day at 5.15 o'clock p. m., His Honor HUGH HAVELOCK McLEAN, K.C., V. D., LL. D. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Assembly Chamber and being seated on the Throne after assenting to the several bills passed during the session, was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

SPEECH

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

The Session which comes to an end today has been distinguished by a large amount of useful legislation dealt with in a remarkably short space of time. Among the important measures considered have been the provision of a bonus for the clearing of land which, it is hoped, may be the means of considerably extending agricultural production in the Province the granting of further assistance to the Farm Settlement Board enabling that body to extend its useful operations, and a Pension Act for the employees of the Government which it is believed will be of much assistance to those in the public service whose means are not always sufficient to prevent the necessity for some call upon the public funds in case of death or retirement.

The Bills providing for uniformity of conditions in Fire Insurance Policies, the Evidence Act and that relating to the profession of the Law are important in that they may assist in establishing a common standard of legislation.

Provision has also been made by which, in co-operation with the Dominion Government, a National Park may be established which will add to the scenic attractions of the Province.

The Act for the Taxation of Signs will not only materially assist the revenue but will also, it is hoped, by the removal of many useless and disfiguring advertisements restore the pristine beauty of much of our unrivalled scenery.

The incorporation of the Loyalists Society is a happy preparation for an adequate celebration of the 150th anniversary of the coming to our shores of a band of devoted men and women whose lives form an important chapter in the history of our Province.