



Superintendent of Education, occurring upon the eve of his retirement from a service to which he had given many years of his life, is also a cause for deep regret.

The departure from Saint John of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon gave to many of our citizens an opportunity to wish them Godspeed on their way to assume the Viceregal Throne in the Empire of India. The happy memories which they have left in Canada enable us to hope that their career in the great Eastern Empire may be no less successful.

Unemployment in this Province in common with the whole world has given anxious thought to those directing its policy. In New Brunswick, while in some sections conditions are difficult, yet they are not nearly so bad as in other portions of the Dominion. My Government was able to forestall to some extent the effect of economic depression by extending public services, especially on roads and bridges, during the summer and fall of the past year. In this way considerable of its constructive programme was anticipated, but the money put into circulation has greatly eased the condition of a large part of the population. They have also collaborated with the Government of Canada in the relief measures undertaken by the special Session of the Dominion Parliament, and I think the situation has been well met.

In order to encourage work in the lumber industry as far as possible my Government decided to reduce the stumpage by practically one-third, and this action has had a remarkably beneficial result. It will cause loss of revenue, but it has increased employment. Even with the Nashwaak Pulp Company ceasing operations completely the quantity of pulp manufactured in the Province is greater than in any preceding year.

During the last Session the members of the House paid a visit to Dalhousie to witness the opening of the International Company's large paper mill. Recently a fourth paper machine has been installed, and though the output is, at the moment, limited to two machines yet in a short time all machines will be in use, producing five hundred and fifty tons per day.

Electrical development at Minto has been commenced and is progressing well. This source of supply will enable several counties to participate in the benefits of electrical energy, and at reasonable rates, while its operation will be of considerable assistance to the local mines in Queens and Sunbury counties.

The Tourist business has had a profitable season. The Province will participate in Sportsmen's Shows in Boston and Philadelphia, which are expected to develop additional interest in our resources and playground facilities.

My Government has requested Honourable L. P. D. Tilley, President of the Council, to act as its Commissioner on the occasion of the visit of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to Latin-American countries to look into the possibilities of trade between this Province and South America.

I hope during the Session to be able to make a satisfactory announcement with reference to the subject of Old Age Pensions.

My Government has decided that instead of attempting a large capital expenditure at present upon hard surfaced roads, it will be more advisable to keep the road surface in good condition and so far as possible free from dust.