

The farmers of the Province have had a bountiful harvest and I note with pleasure that there has been an increase of ten per cent. in dairy products though lower prices have prevailed. There should be an extension of co-operative marketing in order to enable our agriculturalists to take advantage of the opportunities which are open to them. Regulations have been drafted relative to the bonus for cleared land and this will be available during the present year.

Legislation will be introduced to facilitate the colonization of certain areas in the Province which will be placed under the Department of Agriculture for that purpose.

The present year will see the completion of extensive works undertaken for the enlargement of the Provincial Hospital. The new Normal School will be ready for occupation and the Provincial Museum is now well under construction.

My Government has had submitted to it a number of changes proposed in the Workmen's Compensation Act by the representatives of Organized Labour. These and all cognate subjects have been referred to a Commission which is authorized to make a full investigation of the financial affairs of the Workmen's Compensation Board and to suggest practical means for the prevention of accidents.

Legislation will be submitted increasing the amount available for farm settlement from Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars to Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars at the rate of not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars per year.

It is my belief that the period of depression which exists at present will be succeeded by one of considerable expansion and I trust that every branch of industry will prepare for increased production and the extension of markets. There should be a period of great development ahead of this Province in common with the Maritimes.

Useful measures will be submitted for the improvement of the law.

I trust that the Divine Blessing may attend your deliberations and that this Session may be productive of much that will be useful to all the communities in our Province.