

It is expected that the Educational Commission will have completed the duty assigned to it, and that a report will be available before the close of the session.

The report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate the accounts of certain highway supervisors will be laid on the table during the session.

On account of the abnormal economic conditions the revenue from several sources was substantially less than had been anticipated, while on the other hand, and for the same reason, it was deemed necessary and advisable to continue public services and undertakings in order to ameliorate the unemployment situation. As a result the deficit on current account is considerably larger than was estimated. Despite this result, due to extraordinary conditions, the financial condition of the Province is sound and its credit stands high in relation to the various Provinces of the Dominion. A striking evidence of this fact is to be seen in the success of the recent provincial loan.

Bills in amendment of The Companies' Act, The Summary Convictions Act, and The Coroner's Act, and also other measures will be presented for your consideration.

Having regard to the uncertain conditions at present obtaining in the world of finance, affecting as it does all governmental organizations, it is obvious that the greatest care and prudence must be exercised by all public administrations. My government has given serious consideration to this problem and is resolved that such measures must be adopted as may be necessary and adequate to assure that the current expenditures shall be maintained within the revenue.

I have directed the accounts for the past fiscal year to be laid before you. Estimates of the income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted for your consideration, and I trust you will find that they have been prepared with a due regard for economy and the requirements of the public service.

I trust that your deliberations, under the direction of Divine guidance, will result in lasting benefit to the people of our Province.