

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## RE THE VALLEY RAILWAY

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New Brunswick entered wholeheartedly into the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

## Fredericton's Celebration.

The celebration in Fredericton was one of the best Provincial celebrations carried out throughout the whole Dominion, and attracted attention not only in Canada, but in the British Empire and throughout the world. The city of St. John acquitted itself nobly in staging a celebration in the loyalist city which was creditable to St. John, and would have done credit to a city many times the size of the principal metropolis of this province. Other communities throughout New Brunswick celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation in a manner which left no doubt throughout this Dominion as to the feeling of the people of New Brunswick, towards the Dominion of which we are a part, and towards the mother country and the British Empire. One of the pleasing features of the celebration was the prominent part the school children took in the various events. The National Committee provided medals for every school child in the Dominion. I am so glad that the government of the province took advantage of the occasion to present to every pupil in New Brunswick a flag. I believe that throughout the province there were not only hundreds, but thousands, of school children, who, through the thoughtfulness of the Provincial administration, became the owner of a flag for the first time. This I think is an effective method of inculcating a spirit of patriotism in the youth of this country.

## Governor General's Visit.

Immediately following the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, New Brunswick was honored with the first visit to this province of His Excellency, the Governor General, Lord Willingdon. It was with a very sincere feeling of pleasure that we extended to His Excellency a most cordial welcome on his first visit to this province. In formal addresses, which were presented, and otherwise, the people of this province, through our government, gladly accepted the opportunity to assure His Excellency, as the representative of the Crown, of the unfailing loyalty of the people of this province to our Most Gracious Sovereign. Everywhere throughout this Province His Excellency and Lady Willingdon were received with the greatest enthusiasm. We believe that their visit to this province was not only a pleasant one, but that it resulted in a fuller knowledge of our conditions, and of the possibilities for future development and expansion in this portion of the Dominion.

## Premier Baldwin's Visit.

We were also highly honored by an official visit from the Rt. Honorable Stanley Baldwin, Premier of Great Britain. During his short visit he endeared himself to our citizens, and it was with great pleasure that our people listened to the address which he delivered in the city of Saint John.

## Live Stock Improvement.

Referring to agriculture, I might say, no province in Canada is better adapted for mixed farming than New Brunswick. The growing of fruit, vegetables, dairying, cattle and hog raising under ideal conditions, are all capable of substantial and profitable development. I am pleased to note a general improvement in the quality of live stock in the Province as shown by the winnings of exhibitors at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. All the stock exhibited from the Province made a most creditable showing. New Brunswick's live stock won a greater portion of awards, taking into account the number of animals exhibited, than any other Province of Canada. The Province was represented in the Inter-county competition at the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, N. S. Bacon hogs, and market lambs, were exhibited and made a good showing. There has been a marked increase in the output of dairy products over 1926. 1,876,483 pounds of butter were produced in New Brunswick in 1927. This was an increase of 32.5 per cent over the previous year, the percentage of increase for New Brunswick being greater than that of any other province.

## The Poultry Congress.

A great impetus had been given the poultry industry all over the Dominion by the holding of the World's Poultry Congress in Canada. New Brunswick's birds have made a good showing at the Poultry Congress held at Ottawa, and won much praise. Since that time pure bred registered Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels have been shipped from the province to Quebec at as high as \$25.00 per bird.

The boys' and girls' club work in the organizations of Calf Clubs, Pig Clubs and Poultry Clubs, for the development of these industries, is a live topic in the province at the present time. Improved facilities for marketing all classes of live stock and poultry through the Maritime Live Stock Board of Moncton, N. B., and the Maritime Poultry Exchange, St. John, N. B., have been successful. The turnover of the Live Stock Marketing Board from the first of August to the end of October, 1927, was over \$250,000.00.

## A Good Move.

Provision is to be made this year to enable the Department of Agriculture to have a District Representative

in each county according to an announcement made in the Speech from the Throne.

This seems to be a move in the right direction and is in accordance with the Government's progressive policy in Agriculture, one of New Brunswick's basic industries.

## Tourist Traffic.

Included in the natural resources of the Province of New Brunswick, are the attractions for tourist travel, and I believe there is no feature of our resources which is capable of development to greater extent than recreation facilities which we have to offer to visitors who are looking for healthful pleasure and an opportunity to relax. During the past year the Government provided more generously than has been the practice in the past for the promotion of tourist travel to this Province. The figures of the New Brunswick Tourist Association show an increase of 76½ per cent in the number of automobiles entering this province during 1927, and it is estimated that the amount of money expended in the Province by tourist visitors in the past year reached the sum of \$11,329,190.

## Provincial Finances.

It is with great pleasure that I refer to the finances of the Province. For the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1927, we find a surplus on current revenue account of \$15,792,64. This is the first time since the present audit act came into force that any Government of the Province of New Brunswick has been able to show a surplus.

## Good Bond Sale.

In the month of November, 1927, the Province of Manitoba sold an issue of 4 per cent bonds at a price which made the interest 4.44 per cent. The transaction was heralded as the most favorable by any government in Canada in the past thirteen years. In the same month the Province of New Brunswick sold \$1,800,000 twenty year 4½ per cent debentures at \$101.569. The rate of interest which the government of New Brunswick will pay on the funds produced by this issue of \$1,800,000 of debentures will be 4.38, which is .06 lower than the Manitoba rate, and the lowest rate paid by any Government in Canada since the war.

Premier Baxter, and his colleagues, are deserving of the thanks of the people of the province for the marked improvement in the finances of the province during their two and a half years in office.

## The Mining Law.

As the result of an Act passed last session the province is due for that mining expansion which its mineral resources deserve. New Mining laws favorable to prospectors have added to the Province's mineral opportunities. The re-opening of the Antimony Mines in York County is a start in the right direction and I have no doubt but the beginning of great development in mining throughout the province.

## Mineral Resources.

What we appear to need in New Brunswick in connection with the de-

velopment of our natural resources is the awakening of a mineral consciousness which can only be obtained by educating our people to realize the value of the mineral resources of our province. Mineral deposits which were not regarded as of much value some years ago have been converted into properties of great value through the introduction of modern methods of mining and also of production. Development of our mineral resources will bring capital into this province, provide labor and make a market at home for our farmers. The Government of the province has been proceeding aggressively and earnestly in the encouragement of mineral development, for which it should be commended.

Reference has been made to the establishment of the Provincial Police Force. They have already rendered good service in various parts of the province.

I understand the St. John County Hospital will receive a much larger grant this year for maintenance of patients. This is a substantial help to the municipality of St. John, and is something that will commend itself to all.

## The Valley Railway.

I understand that the Valley Railway is now the subject of correspondence between the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Railways, and we hope for good results.

Grand Falls Power Plant is practically completed ahead of schedule without any cost to the province, and it is now a matter for our people to find use for the power.

During the past year 1502 immigrants came into the province of New Brunswick with the intention of settling. Most of these came from Great Britain. However, a considerable percentage came from Scandinavian countries.

## Immigration Work.

In March last, Hon. J. A. Murray, Superintendent of Immigration, accompanied by Mr. W. R. Little, Commissioner of Colonization for the Dominion Government, visited England, and as a result an agreement was concluded between the British, Dominion and Provincial Governments, whereby an attempt will be made to settle in this province one hundred British families per year during the next five years, in all five hundred families. The province is fully safe-guarded in the provisions of the agreement with the Imperial and Dominion Governments.

New Brunswick's industrial future is largely in the making of pulp and paper. In time our oil bearing shales will give us a large return, and our mineral wealth is capable of development. But our chief occupation must be agriculture, and our chief need is men to engage intelligently in this industry.

In conclusion, let me say that I venture to predict that our province is now on the eve of a period of industrial progress. In the past two and a half years much has been accomplished by the present administration, and we confidently expect still greater prosperity in the year upon which we have just entered.

## MR. MOORE'S SPEECH.

Young Member for Queens Made An Excellent Impression.

MR. MOORE. In rising to second the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I wish first of all to thank the Hon. Premier for the great honor conferred upon the County of Queens, that I accepted, this honor, knowing as I do the brilliant efforts which have been made by those chosen for similar honors in the past and the oratory which has been displayed in this chamber. However, I appreciate the personal honor as well as the honor that has been bestowed upon my County, and I ask the indulgence of this House in the remarks which I am about to make.

## Late Hon. J. E. Hetherington.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my personal regret and the regrets of the people of the constituency which I have the honor to represent, at the loss which the County of Queens and the Province of New Brunswick have suffered in the sudden death of the late Hon. Judson E. Hetherington, at one time Speaker of this House, and for several years the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of New Brunswick. To the bereaved family I desire to convey the sympathy of the people of Queens County and I feel sure that every honorable member of this House joins in that expression of the deepest sympathy.

## The Diamond Jubilee.

One of the outstanding events of the past year to which reference was made in His Honor's speech was the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. In this connection we are able to point with pride to the part that was taken by the people of the Province of New Brunswick in making the celebration of this event the wonderful success which it proved to be. This success, Sir, was largely due to the efforts of the Provincial Committee instituted at the instance of the Government of the Province and headed by the Hon. Mr. Justice Crockett. The Provincial Committee were able to organize local committees of wide-awake and energetic citizens throughout the Province, who realized what Confederation meant to this great Dominion of ours, and I wish to congratulate the Honorable Premier and his Government upon the success which attended the efforts put forth by the Committees who were placed in charge of the celebrations throughout the Province of New Brunswick. The Government gave not only moral but financial support to the organization of suitable committees and the Provincial celebration which was carried on in this fair capital of the Province was a credit not only to the citizens of Fredericton but also to the people of the whole Province. The celebration in Fredericton was generally regarded as one of the

best in the whole Dominion and I feel I can safely say that New Brunswick on that occasion did itself proud.

## The Vice Regal Visit.

Immediately following the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, the Province was honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General Lord Willingdon. Everywhere through out the Province His Excellency and Lady Willingdon were received with the greatest enthusiasm, all indicative of the loyalty of our people and the recognition of the proud honor which we feel to be members of



MR. J. ARTHUR MOORE.  
Member for Queens who seconded  
the Address in Reply to the  
Speech from the Throne.

that greater confederation of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

## Provincial Finances.

Mr. Speaker, contained in His Honor's speech we find reference to the fact that the Province of New Brunswick has just passed one of its most successful financial years. For the first time, New Brunswick has a balance on the right side of the page. There is no doubt that this is correct insofar as the period since the new Audit Act was introduced in 1918 is concerned, and inasmuch as before the new Audit Act came into effect there was no assembling of the liabilities and no attempt to pay the liabilities and no attempt to pay commencing upon the next year, it can quite correctly be stated that this is the first time in the history of the Province that there has been a real surplus. We have the statement of the Comptroller-General, an independent official, to the effect, and it cannot be controverted. This situation reveals to the people of the Province that the pledges of the Hon. Premier and his Government of sane financing are being redeemed, and the fact that the Administration have been able to show a surplus of over \$15,000, after caring for the interest charges on the Saint John Valley Railway from the ordinary revenues means, as the Comptroller-General has pointed out, that the Province of New Brunswick has at least reached its financial equilibrium. It is pleasing, Sir, to note that the expenditures have been kept within the estimates, and that at the same time the various public services have been generously provided for. Without the increased Federal subsidies it would have been impossible to have had such a pleasing financial report, and in my opinion the situation which has been revealed entirely justifies the action of the Government of this Province in pressing before the Duncan Commission as strongly as was done for increased financial aid from the Dominion. I feel, Mr. Speaker, in connection with the excellent financial showing that has been made, that the heads of the various departments of Government are to be congratulated upon having proven themselves well qualified to efficiently take care of the duties which devolve upon them, and I believe that the people of the Province feel that their affairs have been placed in the hands of trustees who are faithful to their trust.

## Tourist Travel.

His Honor has seen fit to refer in his Speech from the Throne to the growing tourist travel which the Province enjoyed during the past year. Despite unfavorable weather conditions, a cold and wet season, there was a marked increase in the number of summer visitors coming to New Brunswick to take advantage of the attractions of our beautiful scenery and to enjoy unspoiled nature. All this makes it look as though our recreational resources were to be one of the important assets of our Province in the production of wealth for our people. Therefore I feel that the Government should be commended for the aggressive steps which have been taken to have the attractions of New Brunswick effectively advertised in the districts from which we may expect to draw the volume of our tourist business. The establishment of a Bureau of Provincial Information and Tourist Travel from which reliable information is disseminated in articles prepared for publication and which also provides service in the way of touring information for those desiring to come to this Province and spend their money with us, was a step in the right direction and the results are amply justifying what has been done. The daily newspapers, the magazines and the other publications in Canada, the United States and even in Great Britain are giving increasing attention to New Brunswick and its opportunities not only for tourists but for the development of our natural resources and for settlement, as a result of the operations of this Bureau which has been established as a department of the Govern-

ment and, as years go on, these beneficial results will increase.

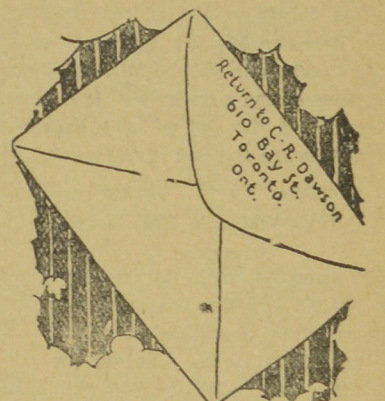
## The St. John River.

There is no portion of this province which offers greater opportunities for development in connection with tourist travel than the lower reaches of the Saint John river, the portion of this beautiful valley which won for the Saint John river the title of The Rhine of America. Unfortunately, while the highways in other parts of the Province have been improved and trunk highways have been built through almost every other section of New Brunswick, the Saint John river valley between Oromocto and Westfield has been sadly neglected. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the narrow road running along the bank of the river in many places, with its devastating curves, has been positively dangerous for automobile travel. This condition of affairs was effectively brought to the attention of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works by the Lower Saint John Valley Improvement Association during the past year, with the result that we soon had the assurance that the rebuilding of the highway along this scenic portion of the Saint John River Valley would be undertaken during the coming season. Announcement to this effect through the press caused unbounded joy and satisfaction upon the part of the people living along the Saint John river, and they are grateful indeed for the promptness with which the Minister of Public Works of the present administration has acted in the matter.

## Hydro Development.

Mention has been made in the Speech from the Throne of the progress during the past year in hydro development in this Province, and it is gratifying to know that the Grand Falls development is nearing completion and that power from the development will soon be turning the wheels in industry in the northern section of the Province. The manufacture of our own raw material within the confines of our Province will mean much for the people of New Brunswick; it will bring new wealth into the Province and will provide a home market for our farmers as well as providing employment. The southern and the northern sections of the Province will then be served by hydro development, but there still remains at least one portion of the Province which is looking to its (Continued on Page Five.)

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