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# **New Year** Telegram

United States President Sends Best Wishes For Canada's Prosperity.

Bulletin Issued By Census Department on B. C. Farm Lands.

**Deputation From This Province** to Ask Protection For Lead

From Our Own Correspondent Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.-From Wash-Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—From Washington there reached the Governor-General today a kindly telegram from the President of the United States conveying to Lord and Lady Minto his best wishes for the New Year, and expressing an earnest hope for the welfare and prosperity of Canada.

The Census Department today issued bulletin No. 12, which relates to agriculture in British Columbia. The bulletin states that the land in farms com-

culture in British Columbia. The bulletin states that the land in farms comprises 31.59 per cent. in an improved, and 68.41 in an unimproved state. The unimproved lands consist of 391,096 acres in forest and 632,649 acres in various conditions. The total value of farm property is \$32,465,512. value of farm products is \$3,479,683 for crops, and \$2,740,079 for animal pro-Crops, and \$2,740,079 for animal products, making 19.16 per cent. on the investment on the average farm, or a little higher than is shown in the state of Washington and Idaho. The rate of wasges is 2½ times higher than in Prince Edward island.

Rev. Dr. Moore, former Moderator of the Presbyterian church of Canada, yesterday retired from the pastorate of Bank street church after 36 years service.