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*Extract from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature, Halifax, January 19, 1893.*

The special business which has led to the early meeting of the Legislature, and which will be laid before you immediately, relates to the development of our mineral wealth. Believing that the coal trade of the Province is capable of large extension, my Government have endeavored to enlist the interest of capitalists in this great branch of industry.

I have much gratification in informing you that, encouraged by the provisions of the Mines and Minerals Act of last session, capitalists have come forward to undertake extensive coal mining operations. The high financial standing and known enterprise of the parties, and the investments they have already made on the faith of the assurances given them, are a guarantee of their intention to vigorously prosecute the work they have undertaken, which I feel assured, will largely increase the Provincial revenues and beneficially affect the many interests connected with the coal trade, while it will, I trust, at the same time yield to the investors the liberal return which their enterprise will so well deserve.

I invite your most careful consideration to a bill which will be submitted to you to confirm the arrangements which my Government have made with the parties who have undertaken this very important work.