

## LIEUT. GOVERNOR PUGSLEY'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Proves to be a Very Uninteresting and Commonplace Document—The Only Piece of Constructive Legislation Foreshadowed is That Relating to Water Power Development, Which is Not Unlikely to be Shelved Before Session is Over.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the fourth session of the seventh legislative assembly of the province of New Brunswick and the first session since the proclamation of peace, which will enable the world to carry on the great task of restoration and reconstruction made necessary by the ravages and destruction caused by the Great War.

N. B. Prosperity.

The great scarcity of foodstuffs which still prevails in many parts of the world has so lessened the margin between demand and supply as to increase prices everywhere and emphasize the difficulties attending the cost of living. The prosperity of this province has not met with any serious drawbacks; on the contrary, the ability of its people was distinctly shown by their share in the last Victory Loan. Our chief industries, agriculture and lumbering, were never so productive or their products in such demand. It is a source of gratification to note the favorable condition of the crops in New Brunswick during 1919.

The official reports of both dominion and provincial agriculture departments show that the live stock and field crop acreage of New Brunswick were largely increased. The importance of the live stock industry cannot be over-estimated and the increase in the number of cattle, sheep and swine was more than a quarter of a million and the increased value nearly \$5,000,000. An increase of nearly \$2,000,000 bushels of oats and nearly 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes, more than 500,000 bushels of buckwheat and a total output of creamery butter of about 1,000,000 pounds and 1,350,000 pounds of cheese will give some idea of the progress made in this basic industry in New Brunswick.

The arrangements of the department of agriculture to provide a sufficient supply of grain at cost for the needs of the farmers and at the same time utilize a valuable natural resource will, I am confident, have the approval of agriculturists everywhere.

Lumber.

You will be pleased to learn that the reports of the provincial foresters indicate that the lumber cut for 1919-20 will again assume its normal proportions and that the territorial revenue for 1918-19 was the largest in the history of the province, also that every effort is being made to be consistent with the rights of the lumber licenses so to restrict the operations of the lumbermen as to conserve this most important asset of the province as far as possible.

I am pleased to know that the Valley Railway has been completed to Westfield and is now being operated by the Canadian National Railways to the City of St. John. The completion of this railway will not only prove a great convenience and avenue of trade to the people along its whole length from Westfield to Centerville, but will afford another entrance from the West to St. John, one of Canada's winter sports. In view of the heavy burden imposed upon the people to build this railway, it is a matter for sincere congratulation that the government has been able, by reason of the lowered price in the English market for the guaranteed debenture stock and the rate of exchange prevailing, to purchase and cancel such a portion of

the outstanding stock as to effect a considerable reduction in the liability for the construction of this road.

My government is pleased to announce that, during recess, being guaranteed by the province in connection with the construction of the International Railway to the amount of \$894,000 have been paid off by the company and cancelled, thereby further reducing the liability of the province.

No decision has yet been given respecting the claims of the several provinces upon the dominion government. New Brunswick, as one of the four original partners in confederation, will insist that there be no division of the lands or natural resources of the provinces which formed confederation are given the fairest consideration.

During recess, conferences have been held between my government and the federal highway board with respect to the agreements necessary for co-operation between dominion and provincial governments for the construction of roads of satisfactory standard and I am pleased to announce that legislation will be introduced at this session to enable the province to take advantage of any agreements. The public works department is to be congratulated upon the notable progress already made in the construction of more durable roads in every county of the province, and the work will be continued in addition to the mileage built with federal assistance.

Water Power

The advantages that will result from additional manufacturing industries throughout the province and the increased demand for cheaper light, heat and power, have caused my government to give further consideration to the development of its water power. With this end in view and in co-operation with the Dominion Water Powers Branch of the Conservation Commission, the Water Power Commission of New Brunswick has gathered

ed valuable information which will be submitted to you in their report, with a bill to provide for power development and to enable the government to proceed without delay with the development of such water powers as are found to be commercially feasible.

The report of the committee appointed at the last session of the legislature to enquire into the question of increases of salaries to school teachers will be laid before you, together with their recommendations upon this important matter, and should such recommendations call for additional financial assistance on the part of the province, my government will give some favorable consideration.

The first report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, covering a period since the act came into force, will also be laid before you and certain amendments to the act, based upon administrative experience, will be submitted for your consideration.

Matters relating to health throughout the province have been given continuous watchful care by the department of public health. Most of the municipalities have co-operated generously with the department and good progress has been made in providing medical inspection in the schools, collecting vital statistics and organizing to cope with any epidemic which may threaten the province or any of its communities.

I am pleased to know that the women of the province took advantage of the legislative provision extending the franchise to them for the first time and afforded the revisors much assistance in placing their names upon the voters' lists. To provide for women of the province will be introduced the franchise to them for the first time and afforded the revisors much assistance in placing their names upon the voters' lists. To provide for women of the province will be introduced the franchise to them for the first time and afforded the revisors much assistance in placing their names upon the voters' lists.

Liquor Act

The Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916, having been in force and operative for a sufficient length of time to enable its efficiency to be fairly tested, and the declaration of peace having been signed, my government intends to hold a plebiscite during the year, for or against the retention of the act, and to submit such questions as may be deemed advisable to be voted on at such election.

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world has there been a greater demand for practical instruction. The outstanding lesson of the recent war was the need of more technical knowledge and very many of those who served overseas are taking advantage of the opportunity afforded them in the vocational schools of the dominion government. It is a pleasure to note in this connection that the larger communities are taking advantage of the provisions of the New Brunswick act to encourage and assist vocational instruction and a beginning has been made toward that technical knowledge which will be of such advantage to the men and women of the future.

The government of this province was represented at the recent congress held at Washington for the discussion of industrial relations and labor laws as well as to consider the labor provisions of the Treaty of Peace. It is satisfactory to note that legislation is already upon our statute books providing for a bureau and a commissioner of labor which will enable the government to take such action as seems to them to be necessary in the interest of labor and of industry.

During the period of the war the building formerly occupied by the lieutenant-governor of the province and the considerable acreage of ground in connection therewith, known as Government House and grounds in the City of Fredericton, were utilized without rental charge by the military authorities for hospitals and vocational

schools and a very large expenditure

was made by them not only to erect buildings suitable for military purposes, but also to convert the former Government House into a modern hospital. Since this was done negotiations have been pending between the dominion department of public works and the provincial government for the transfer of the above properties to the federal government, and in view of the legislation already on our statute books designating the proceeds of this property were disposed of as a trust fund, your attention will be invited to a consideration of how the said

fund should be disposed of.

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the current year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the coming year up to the opening of the present session, to be laid before you.

The estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you, and I believe that you will find that the estimates for the expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I wish to assure you, in conclusion,

of my belief and confidence in your patriotism and zeal for the public good and to express the hope that your deliberations will result in promoting the welfare and increasing the prosperity of the province.

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47—Young man experienced as Grocery Salesman. Would like position in St. John. He is 23 and married.

48—Experienced Shipping Clerk. Would like position in St. John. He is 29 and married.

If you do not see exactly the kind of help you require give us a ring. We can get you what you want.

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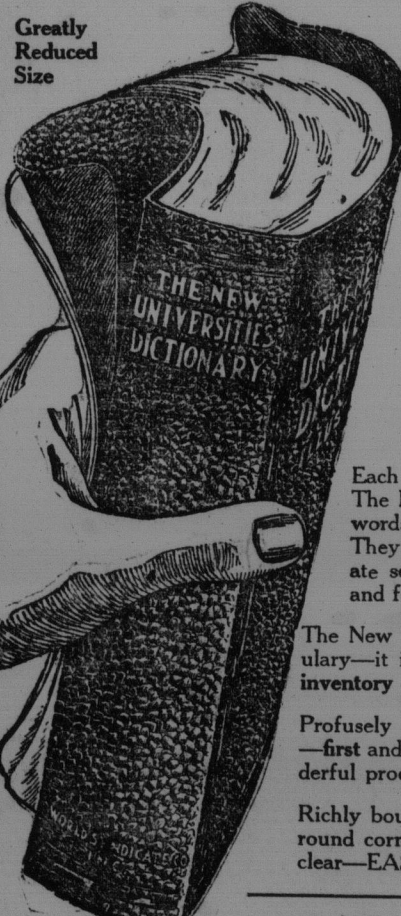
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