Three years close attention to his business had won for him the esteem of business men and all were ready to give him assistance.

From that time he rose gradually in public favor; money grew more plentiful, the cottage more comfortable, and mother and Lou were at ease about their future.

There were shoals to tide over, when only a steady sweep of the oar, a long pull and a strong pull, saved him from grounding, but now there is a fair wind and smooth sea, and Lou smiles on Will Drayton, the good, strong man, who was once the spoiled baby, "Mother's Pet."

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Opening of the Legislature.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 16.

His Excellency opened the Session to-day with with the following

SPEECH:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I have great pleasure in again meeting you in Legislative Session.

I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the Province as exhibited in the rapid growth of our manufacturing interest, the extension of our commerce, the expansion of our mercantile marine, the increased demand for our agricultural products and the remunerative prices received therefor.

The Provincial Exhibition of the past year afforded the most conclusive evidence of the fertility of our soil, both as regards cereals and root crops, the quality of which has never been surpassed at any previous Exhibition, notwithstanding the unusual drought which has prevailed over the greater portion of the Province.

The land subsidy authorized by the Legislature of this Province at the last Session towards the construction of the proposed Railways from Fredericton and Woodstock to the Richelieu du Loup has been supplemented by the Legislature of Quebec in a like liberal spirit, so that there is every probability that this highly important commercial line of Railway will soon be in course of construction.

The efficient protection of our valuable fisheries during the past year affords a satisfactory guarantee that our unquestionable legal rights thereto will be preserved to us and never parted with unless for an adequate consideration.

The negotiations with the Federal Government for the adjustment of certain claims referred to at the opening of the last session have not yet been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

An Immigration Convention was held at Ottawa in September last at which a member of Government attended on behalf of this Province. A report of the proceedings will be laid before you.

You will be pleased to learn that under recent legislation the settlement of the Public Lands is proceeding favorably.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The appropriations for the public service of the last Session have been judiciously expended. Detailed accounts of the income and expenditure for the past year will at once be laid before you, together with the estimates of the revenue and expenditure for the current year.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The all important subject of Common Schools will be brought under your consideration. In comparison with this all other questions for legislative deliberation are of secondary importance. It is the first duty of the Governing power to make provision for every child. The children of the poorest in our land should have free access to schools where they can receive at least the first rudiments of an education which will qualify them for an intelligent performance of their duties as citizens. Accordingly I invite your most serious attention to this matter.

Your attention will be called to a measure for regulating the mode of procedure in certain actions in the Supreme Court, to provisions for relieving the Legislature from the undue pressure of private legislation and to other measures affecting the proper management of Provincial affairs.

It is of great importance that the question as to the existence of the valuable underlying seams of coal in the vicinity of the Grand Lake should be finally settled and your attention will be called to the subject.

During the past six months a terrible war has spread ruin and desolation over a large portion of one most prominent nations of Europe, and while rejoicing at the prospect of peace, I submit to your consideration the expediency and propriety of showing your practical christian sympathy towards the suffering portions of the population of France.

The dark clouds portentious of national conflict which a short time since lowered upon the horizon are now passing away, and while we have great cause for thankfulness for our national blessings, I feel well assured that our position as an integral portion of the British Empire is so highly valued by the people of this Province, that should a stern necessity require it, they would now, as in days past, spend all their available resources, as only a reasonable contribution, towards the preservation of the priceless heritage of British institutions and British Laws.

Dr. Vail was nominated, and elected Speaker without opposition.

Dr. Spurden was chosen Chaplain, and Mr. John Richards appointed Clerk Assistant.

Bliss and Botsford were present in their places. The question as to who is Clerk of the Legislative Council still unsettled.

Contingent Committee—Allen, White, Gough, McQueen, Willis and Otty.

Crawford moved Address in Reply, Phillips seconded both new members. Monday fixed for consideration of the Speech.

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