

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

A measure will be submitted to you providing for the reform of the Legislative Council in a manner which my Advisers believe will increase the usefulness of that branch of the Legislature.

Proposals will also be introduced by which it is hoped that the cost of living will be lessened to persons of small incomes.

There are now ready for your consideration Bills consolidating and amending the law relating to pensions, and a measure bringing the law of copyright into line with the law of Great Britain and other leading European nations. Measures amending the existing statutes affecting local bodies, a Graduated Income-tax Bill, a consolidation and amendment of the State-guaranteed Advances Acts, an amendment of the Public Revenues Act, an amendment of the Land Transfer Act, a Bill defining the law of libel, measures enabling advances to be made to persons engaged in the fruit industry, amending the law governing the Police Force, altering the constitution of the Public Trust Office Board, as well as other Bills dealing with matters of public interest, will be placed before you.

All these measures, designed as they have been in the interests of the people who inhabit this Dominion, I confide to your careful attention, and I trust that Divine Providence will bless your efforts to discharge efficiently your onerous duties.