

mortgages of settled estates, and the act respecting the verdicts of jurors in civil causes.

The electric railway act which you have passed for regulating the powers and privileges of electric railways generally will, doubtless, greatly encourage the construction of this system of light railways, and thus furnish cheap transportation for the growing demands of agriculture and the internal commerce of the country.

The measures which you have passed respecting Public Schools, Industrial Schools and the public health will conduce to the advancement, the comfort and the well-being of the people.

I notice with satisfaction the improvements which you have introduced in the law respecting factories, and for the further protection of the health and morals of persons employed in places of business other than factories.

I have assented with pleasure to the legislation affecting free libraries and Mechanics' Institutes, and the public aid given to charitable institutions, regulating the chartering of trust companies, amending the registry act, and extending the city manhood suffrage registration act of 1894 to county towns.

The policy which you have adopted of protecting the public against unsafe life and fire insurance has had a very salutary influence, and I believe that the act of this session will further simplify and at the same time make more efficient the working of the insurance law.

I am rejoiced to observe that effective steps have been taken for the further protection of children, and I confidently hope that the measure you have passed for that purpose will result in social and domestic improvement.

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have granted in order to maintain the full efficiency of the public service in its various branches.

The prorogation of the House was then formally announced by the Provincial Secretary, and the first session of the eighth Legislature was a thing of the past.