

ways the act has been made more workable and helpful.

Safeguarding Human Life.

"In view of the increased hazards of mining operations, legislation has been adopted to authorize the application of more effectual safeguards for the protection of human life. Provision has been made to facilitate the work of prospectors and thus encourage mining development.

"I am glad to observe that the finances of the Province are in an eminently satisfactory state, and also that as a consequence the Government has been able to dispense with the special war tax, although it still has to provide for considerable expenditures arising out of the recent struggle.

"Among other measures adopted are bills to amend the Assessment Act, to amend the Marriage Act, to amend the Power Commission Act, to amend the Hydro-electric Radial Railway Act, respecting natural gas, and for other purposes.

"I desire to acknowledge the generous provision you have made for carrying on the public service of the Province, and to assure you that the supplies you have voted will be administered with the utmost regard to economy and efficiency.

"In conclusion, I desire to thank you for the beneficial legislation you have adopted, and to express the hope that under the blessing of Providence the new era of peace upon which we are entering will be accompanied by a better understanding among all classes of the community and bring happiness, prosperity and security to all our people."

General John A. Gunn and members of the Headquarters Staff of Military District No. 2 were present at the ceremony.
