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The House met at 2:00 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER (Lush):
Order, please!

On behalf of hon. Members I would like to welcome to the Speaker's Gallery today two special guests, the former Speaker of this House, the hon. James Russell, and the Clerk of the House of New Brunswick, David Peterson.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:
Hear, hear!

PREMIER WELLS:
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:
The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER WELLS:
Mr. Speaker, if I could have just a minute before we proceed to the business for which we are gathered today, I want to take the opportunity to pay tribute to a great Newfoundlander who died on Monday past. He is Captain Douglas Fraser, who is a renowned aviator and holds a place in the Canadian Aviators Hall of Fame. He did, in fact, the aerial survey that resulted in the establishment of the airport at Gander, and for a twelve or fifteen year period, during the 1930s and up the beginning of the war, he was a well known aviator who played a great role in the aviation history of this Province. I would not want this occasion to go by without acknowledging that contribution and, at the same time, extending to the Fraser family the sincere sympathy of all the people of the Province, and the recognition of the people of the Province for his great contribution.

MR. SIMMS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:
The hon. the Opposition House Leader.

MR. SIMMS:
Mr. Speaker, we would want to be associated with the Premier's remarks. I will just repeat from what I understand, that he not only holds a significant place in the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame, but I believe, in fact, he is the only Newfoundlander to hold a place in the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame. And in addition to playing a significant role in the development of the Gander Airport, I believe he landed the first airplane in Gander, as I understand it.

He certainly has done a lot in terms of significance in the aviation industry, the aviation field, and is a pioneer in his field. We would like to be associated with the Premier's remarks, and extend our condolences to the family.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:
Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has arrived.

MR. SPEAKER:
Admit His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

HON. JAMES A. McGRATH
(Lieutenant-Governor):
MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The First Session of the 41st General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought

before you by my Ministers.

**MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

Forty pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. These Bills signal the period of transition and reform and represent my Government's initiative in reorganization in order to place it in a better position to provide new directions and alternative policies for serving the needs of our people. Of eminent importance to all our people was the enactment of the Economic Recovery Commission Act. The passage of this measure will enable my Government to implement new policies for increasing the economic opportunities in this Province so that our people can look forward to a better economic climate.

**MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

In an effort to revitalize the Public Service of the Province and to make the delivery of services to our people more efficient, new Departmental Acts were passed by this Honourable House during this Session.

Other Bills that were enacted during this Session are to attend to a variety of concerns that needed to be addressed.

The First Session is but the first stage of my Government's mandate for change as outlined in my Speech delivered at the opening of this Session on May 25th last. My Government will continue this mandate for change during the remaining Sessions of this Honourable House of Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted. I assure you that the appropriations that you have granted have been and will be expended by my Ministers with care and efficiency, and will be distributed with fairness and balance for the betterment of all people in this Province.

It is my pleasure that the First Session of this 41st General Assembly now be prorogued and it is prorogued accordingly.

MR. SPEAKER:
Order, please!

Before announcing the prorogation I want to remind hon. Members that immediately after the prorogation we will be going into a CPA Meeting, in private. We will be doing it here, and we will be starting within five minutes. I would therefore ask hon. Members to stay around and give us a little time to set up. It will not be longer than five minutes.

Pursuant to the Speech of His Honour, this House stands prorogued.