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Tuesday, November 20, 2018

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Premier, elected Members of all parties, Members of this Legislative Assembly, dear friends, as I sit here to close this session, I believe we can all agree that it has been a dramatic, surprising, and most educational few weeks for you, for me, and for everyone in our province.

I do not need to fall back on my constitutional responsibilities often. However, I have them, and I take them very seriously.

Governments use power, but they never really possess it. Power remains vested in the Crown, entrusted to governments, and exercised on behalf of the people. Governments rule, and the Crown reigns.

I am, of course, the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, but I always make the Assembly my first priority in order to ensure that it provides responsible government at all times. Your responsibility is the same. Each of you has a part to play in ensuring responsible government. Indeed, I thank you for that. Public service is a noble calling. You have been elected to serve the people of New Brunswick, and you are held to a high standard. By being in this Chamber, you are held to a higher standard. Please do not forget that regardless of which side of the House you are seated on.

Now, New Brunswick needs you, because, whatever your heritage, your political persuasion, your place of origin, or your language, we all form one province and one community. New Brunswick is a place where regardless of backgrounds, language, or culture, we help one another, we listen to one another, and we celebrate one another. You share a mutual respect, passion, and reverence for this province, for its past, and for our future. I encourage you to work harder, to aim higher, and to be better. Who knows? Your actions may even be able to empower a whole new generation and motivate them to follow your paths.

Today is all about tradition, even though the past few weeks have not been traditional. Traditions allow us to unite as one community and to celebrate the amazing diversity that exists within it. With that, I thank you again.

I hope you have a productive and inspiring session. Thank you.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.15 a.m.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2017-2018 Department of Health	November 2, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission	November 2, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 New Brunswick Community College	November 7, 2018
New Brunswick Community College, Report to the Community 2017-2018	November 7, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	November 7, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 Service New Brunswick	November 9, 2018