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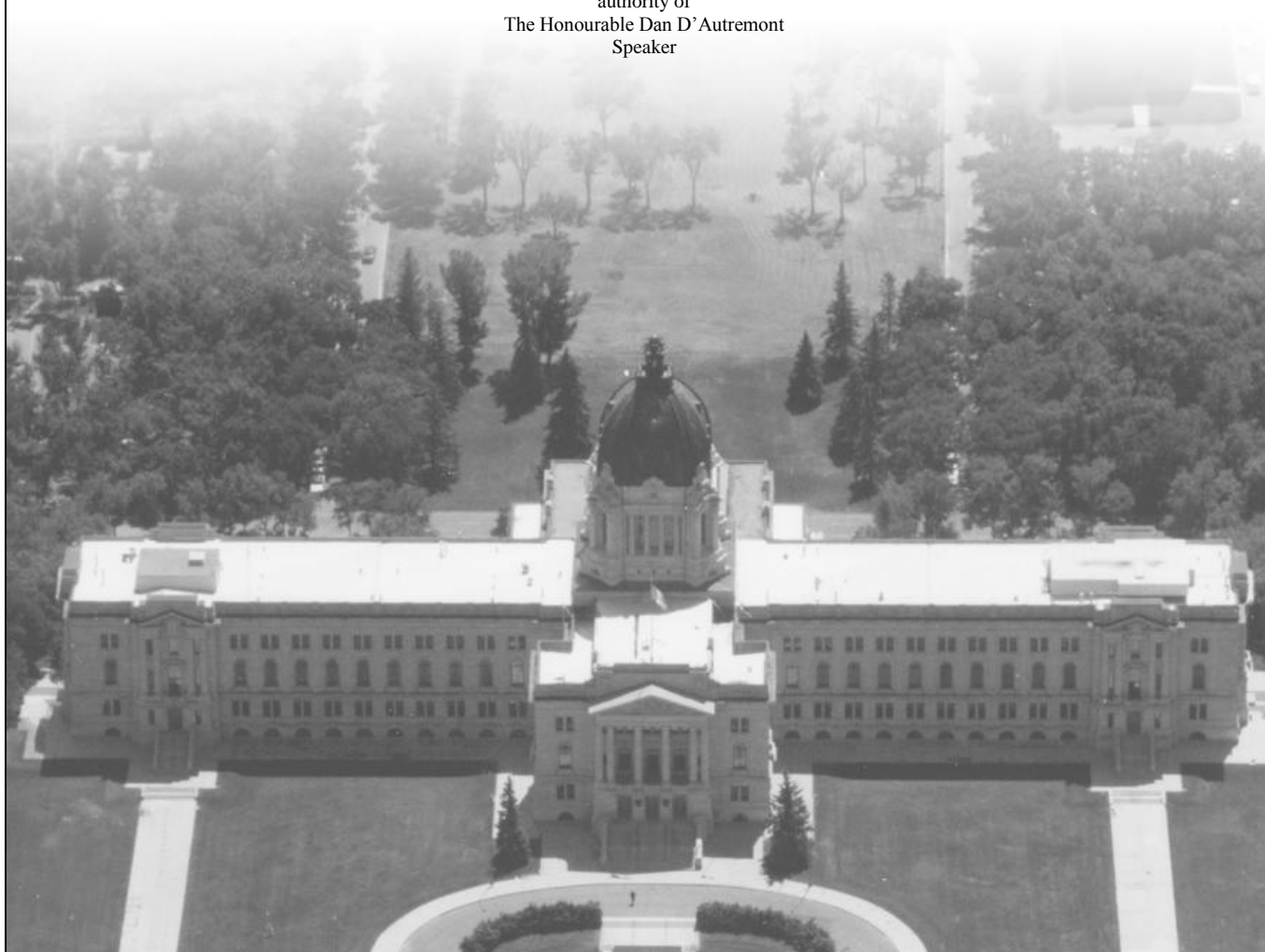
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

The Speaker: — I am advised that Her Honour is here for prorogation.

PROROGATION

[At 10:03 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislative Assembly, people of Saskatchewan: “Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be.”

I doubt the poet Robert Browning was even dimly aware of Canada — never mind Saskatchewan — when he penned these words.

Yet the phrase, “the best is yet to be” captures gracefully where we are in this province today. And in these waning minutes of first session of the twenty-seventh Saskatchewan legislature, they seem particularly apt.

Throughout the world, economies continue to struggle. The US [United States] economy remains stubbornly slow to recover and is having difficulty creating new jobs. Oceans of ink and acres of newsprint have been spent in the cause of describing, explaining, and attempting to mitigate the impact of economic woes seen in Europe.

Other provinces continue to face economic challenges, and in some areas, significant levels of public debt and deficits. Yet the Saskatchewan advantage remains intact, robust, secure.

RBC [Royal Bank of Canada], Canada’s largest bank, predicted in September that Saskatchewan will post 3.6 per cent growth this year, then overtake our neighbour to the west next year with 4 per cent growth — highest among the provinces.

This means our province is on track to achieve the vision outlined in the 2011 Throne Speech:

A vision of a province of over 1.1 million people by 2015;

A province that is steadily eliminating its General Revenue Fund debt;

A province where young people get the best in educational opportunities;

A place where seniors are treated with dignity and respect; and

A place where people with disabilities get the best care and support that is available in Canada.

When I spoke to you at the beginning of this session, I quoted briefly from my government’s vision for Saskatchewan:

Simply put, our vision is that Saskatchewan will be the best place in Canada — to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life.

In the intervening months, much has been accomplished in this Assembly to make this vision a reality.

On May 17th of this year, my government tabled Canada’s only balanced provincial budget.

It included a new Saskatchewan advantage scholarship that will provide \$2,000 over four years to new high school graduates, to reduce the cost of post-secondary education.

The budget expanded the active family benefit and exempted clothing for children under 18 from the PST [provincial sales tax].

The STARS [Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society] emergency medical service is now a reality. Scarlet-red helicopters, filled with up-to-date medical equipment and highly trained staff, are now a familiar sight in the skies over Saskatchewan.

\$2.2 billion over four years has been committed to repair and maintain our highways, with significant work already taking place this past summer.

Assistance for low-income seniors under the seniors’ income plan has been increased by \$600 annually.

A new \$10,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers is now in place.

Money for 500 new childcare spaces is now available.

Surgical wait times have grown shorter as Saskatchewan’s health care professionals make steady progress toward the goal of reducing wait times to no more than three months by 2014.

And assistance under the Saskatchewan income for disability program was increased by \$2,760 per year for couples and \$2,400 for individuals — with further increases planned for the years ahead.

These are just a few highlights of the current legislative session.

“Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be.” As this session of the Saskatchewan legislature grows old, we can, with confidence, look forward to the fulfillment of Browning’s prediction.

With our Saskatchewan advantage in place and a growing province, the best is yet to be.

All that remains is to inform you this morning that it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance at this first session of the twenty-seventh Saskatchewan legislature.

In relieving you of said further attendance, I also warmly congratulate you on the work you have completed and

commend you for the conscientious manner in which you have approached your duties.

In taking leave of you this morning, I wish you the full blessings of providence.

Hon. Mr. Elhard: — Mr. Speaker, and members of the legislature, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 25th day of October, 2012 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:10.]

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