

## PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 28th October, 1940.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, G.C.M.G., acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber on Tuesday, the 5th November, next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. PEREIRA,

*Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while the Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that—

“It is the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

The Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the First Session of the Nineteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

When the present session opened in May, one free country after another, in quick succession, had become the victim of Nazi aggression. Before its adjournment on August 7, Italy had joined her Axis partner as an open enemy, French resistance had collapsed, and the government of France had surrendered. Britain herself was threatened with invasion. The theatre of conflict had begun to spread into other lands beyond the confines of Europe. Japan and China