

I thank you for the ample provisions you have made to protect the country from the possible introduction of cholera, and I trust that the precautions taken will result in guarding against any danger from that source.

The liberal provisions made for the proper representation of Canada at the World's Columbian Exposition will, I doubt not, enable this country to make a worthy exhibit of her resources and progress among the nations of the world.

The various Acts which you have placed upon the Statute-book will contribute to the maintenance of public security and the continued progress of the country.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I thank you for the liberal provisions you have made for the requirements of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I feel with deep regret that the period of my official connection with the Dominion is drawing towards its close and that in all probability I am taking leave of

you for the last time. Lest this should be the case, I desire to avail myself of the present occasion to express my abiding interest in all that concerns the welfare of Canada, and my sincere affection to her people, who have never failed to testify their loyalty to the person and throne of our Sovereign, and to show kindness and consideration to her representative. It will ever be my sincere desire to be of service to the Dominion and I shall continue to cherish feelings of the warmest solicitude for the welfare and prosperity of those amongst whom I have been placed during the past five years.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may at all times attend you.

The Speaker of the Senate then said :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Thursday, the eleventh day of May next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the eleventh day of May next.