

pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following

## SPEECH:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the prompt and effective consideration which you have given to measures necessary for assuring the defence of the country, for conserving the interests of our people and for maintaining the integrity of the Empire in the present emergency. It is my fervent hope and my confident anticipation that these measures will prove adequate in every way for the great purposes which they are designed to fulfil.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the liberal provision which you have made for the needs of the country in the grave conditions which have arisen through the outbreak of war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In relieving you for the time being from the important and responsible duties to which you were summoned so suddenly and unexpectedly, I commend to the Divine protection the people of this Dominion in the firm trust that the future will continually grow brighter and that there will be a favourable and honourable issue from the war in which the Empire is now involved.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

OTTAWA, September 2, 1914.

*To all whom it may Concern.*

It has come to the attention of the Government that many persons of German and Austro-Hungarian nationality who are residents of Canada are apprehensive for their safety at the present time. In particular the suggestion seems to be that they fear some action on the part of the Government which might deprive them of their freedom to hold property or to carry on business. These apprehensions, if they exist, are quite unfounded.

The policy of the Government is embodied in a Proclamation published in *The Canada Gazette* on 15th August. In accordance