

fatiguing session, and I congratulate you on the very important legislation which has been the outcome of your deliberations.

The revision of the tariff, which occupied a large part of the session, has been completed in a manner which, I trust, will prove effective in promoting the trade and commerce of the Dominion. It is gratifying to know that this measure has been recognized as one of Imperial importance, and that it has already had a marked effect in strengthening the bonds which unite Canada to the motherland.

The arrangements for establishing a fast steamship line of the highest class between Great Britain and Canada, with the co-operation and assistance of the Imperial and Canadian governments, encourage me to hope that at no distant day we shall see the accomplishment of that very important project.

I am pleased to observe that you have made provision for extending substantial aid to various important railway enterprises, which are designed to develop the vast mineral wealth of Canada, and to improve the facilities for transportation and travel.

The bill to provide an effective system of cold storage on land and sea will promote the interests of our agriculturists by affording means for the transportation of perishable food products and placing them in the best condition in the great markets of the world.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the public services.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The session now closing will be memorable not only on account of the important measures which have been passed, but also because it has been held during the year of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, in which the people of all parts of the empire united in celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The splendid demonstrations which have taken place throughout the Queen's Dominions testify at once the loyalty and affection of the people towards their sovereign and the unity of the British Empire. I know that you rejoice with me that Canada has worthily performed her part in these great events.

In now taking leave of you, I desire to express my best wishes for your personal happiness and my earnest hope that the work of the session may prove useful in advancing the prosperity of the people whom you represent.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate 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 Wednesday, the eleventh day of August next, to be here holden, and this parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the eleventh day of August next.