

"In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

"An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively, the 31st March, 1920, and the 31st March, 1921.

"To which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency's assent."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

After Which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament, I am happy to recall that your labours during the Session have resulted in many beneficial enactments.

You have given to the Franchise Act the long and careful deliberation which the importance of this measure amply justified. It embodies provisions which should insure the preparation of fair and impartial lists at all future elections.

The liberal increases in pensions which have been granted, the establishment of a scheme of state insurance for returned soldiers, and the further provisions concerning the settlement of soldiers upon the land, have shown your determination to take every practical means of fulfilling just obligations towards those who have rendered to our country such conspicuous service.

In the taxation measures which have been adopted, you have courageously taken account of a difficult financial situation and it may be confidently expected that they will materially increase the revenues.

You have wisely made provision to continue authority for the supervision of the marketing of the Canadian wheat crops, if events in the world's markets should render this the most advantageous method of protecting the interests of the Canadian people. The exercise of this authority will necessarily receive the most attentive and careful consideration from my advisers.

The measure providing for the control of fuel recognises the peculiar importance of this matter in the national economy and the need for insuring supplies to the greatest possible extent.

You have adopted legislation with respect to shipbuilding which should result in the continued employment of many thousands of men hitherto engaged in that and associated industries.

The provision made for the naval service wisely recognizes the importance of preserving a nucleus which can be developed if need should arise.

Provision for the air service has also been made in such a manner as will produce the largest trained personnel consistent with the financial capacity of the country. Because of Canada's peculiar geographical position and features, it is highly important that the possibilities of this new method of communication and transportation should be fully explored. The Air Board will be enabled to watch every new development and to take practical steps in the interests of aerial navigation in the Dominion.

The measure for the education and enfranchisement of Indians constitutes an effective means of enabling these wards of the nation to make further advance to the responsibilities of citizenship.

The settlement of the issues of the war still proceeds, but it is hoped that before another Session the final treaties will have been concluded. After obtaining your approval, the Government have sanctioned on behalf of Canada, the ratification of