

ufacturing and other industries, will, I have reason to hope, operate for the general benefit of all classes.

I am glad to believe that the Act relating to Banking has been most carefully considered, and will be found to guard the interests of the Public and to be sufficiently liberal to those who are more immediately affected by its provisions.

The measure relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques and Promissory Notes will, doubtless, render more certain and plain the law relating to these instruments and make the law in that regard uniform in almost all respects throughout Canada.

The amendments to the Criminal Law include a great number and variety of provisions, all of which will probably be found useful, and several of which were urgently demanded for the public welfare.

The creation of a Bureau of Labor Statistics will promote the investigation and study of the questions which affect the relations of Capital and Labor, and which are now engaging the attention of all great nations. It will likewise aid the diffusion of information on all that concerns the occupations and well-being of the working classes. In some other measures of the present Session you desire to improve the laws which apply particularly to those engaged in industrial pursuits will be likewise recognized.

The various provisions to amend the laws relating to Railways, to Patents, Copyrights and Trade Marks, and to the Department of Inland Revenue, and, likewise, the enactments to improve the Statutes for the management of our Indian population, are well adapted to promote the efficient administration

of the Departments to which they relate, while the large amount of private railway legislation indicates a spirit of enterprise throughout the country which, it is to be hoped, will lead to a substantial development of the railway works of the country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the liberal provision which you made for the requirements of the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I take leave of you for the present, with the earnest hope that in the coming season our people in every part of Canada may be blessed with an abundant reward for their labours and may witness a marked advance in the prosperity of the Dominion.

THE SPEAKER of the Senate then said :

*Honorable 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 Monday, the twenty-third day of June next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the twenty-third day of June next.