

as in war, to the East, and will, I trust, be productive of the most essential benefits to this Dominion by giving facilities to traffic of all descriptions, enhancing the value of the public lands, promoting their settlement, and drawing closer the ties which bind the sister Provinces together by easier access and multiplied intercourse.

Few who have not considered the subject have any adequate conception how large an extent of economical advantage, the possession of great navigable Rivers like the *St. Lawrence* and its tributaries comprises. The outlay you have sanctioned on their improvement, and on that of the auxiliary canals, is a safe investment. It will be amply and speedily repaid by the augmented volume of trade flowing down all the channels opened to its course, for it will be swollen by the confluence of your own accumulating productions with those of your Western neighbours.

It is highly satisfactory that the condition of the revenue is so prosperous as to enable you to advance the interests of the Country by commencing the construction of these works at once, without delay or misgiving.

*Gentlemen of The House of Commons :*

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies which you have so cheerfully granted.

I heartily congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the revenue, and on your having been enabled by the repeal of the duties on tea and coffee to diminish the burdens of the people.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The joint address with which you have honored me on the eve of my departure is most agreeable to my feelings.

I shall I assure you hold in grateful recollection all my life the expression of your respect and esteem.

I have watched with deep interest in my official capacity the proceedings of four Sessions, and made myself otherwise acquainted with the views and wishes of the Parliament and people of *Canada*, and I earnestly hope that the good intelligence which prevails between them and the people of *England* may last constant and unimpaired for generations to come.

I have now the honor to bid you farewell, with those serious thoughts which the word farewell naturally awakens, with every acknowledgement of the many courtesies and the effective assistance which I have received at your hands and with the most cherished and ardent wishes for the welfare of the Dominion, with which I rejoice to think that my humble name has been connected by an honourable tie for more than three years.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*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 twenty-fourth day of July next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of July next.