

differences which had arisen between Canada and that Colony, and that in the meantime all causes of further dispute, or irritation, have been removed.

A representation has been made by the Administration of the United States that the schedule of tolls, which has been in force upon the Canadian canals for some years past, operates to the disadvantage of the shipping and products of United States citizens on the Great Lakes. This complaint has been examined and discussed with the authorities of the United States, and a proposal has been submitted on behalf of my Government, that the United States will restore the concessions that were made on the part of that country by the Treaty of Washington, as an equivalent for concessions on the part of Canada as to the canals, but which were withdrawn by the United States without cause, so far as Canada is concerned. This proposal has not yet been replied to, but it is hoped that the fairness of the position taken by my Government will be duly appreciated by the Government of the United States, so that all further misunderstanding on this question may be avoided.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I trust that the provisions which you have made for the public service will be found ample for its demands.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

At the close of this session I take leave of you with the hope that the sacrifices which you have been called on to make by so protracted an attendance may be rewarded by proof that your labours have been fruitful of benefits to the Dominion, and that our people in every part of Canada may likewise be blessed with prosperity in the harvest season which approaches.

~~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 Thursday, the eighteenth day of August next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the eighteenth day of August next.