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I thank you for the supplies you have granted to Her Majesty for the general service of the year, and I will take care that they shall be administered with a due regard to economy.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen :*

The large number of Private Bills which you have passed, and the nature of the subjects with which they are conversant, are satisfactory proofs of the growth of Commercial and Manufacturing enterprise and the energy which characterizes those engaged in industrial occupations.

I am glad to see that you have made provision for completing the survey of the line of Railway by which it is proposed to connect *Canada* with the adjoining Provinces of *British North America*, and I trust the results of that survey may afford evidence that this great object is attainable at a cost within the means of these Provinces.

The time has arrived when a constitutional question which has for many years agitated this Province, is ripe for settlement.

It is my intention, during the approaching recess, to endeavor, in conjunction with my ministers, to devise a plan for this purpose, which will be laid before Parliament at its next meeting.

In releasing you from further attendance, I would impress upon you the importance of using the influence which the confidence of your fellow subjects confers upon you to secure for any scheme which may be proposed with this object, a calm and impartial consideration both in Parliament and throughout the country.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of this House said :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and*

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until the Ninth day of August next, to be here held, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the Ninth day of August next.

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