

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the prompt and effective consideration which you have given to measures necessary for assuring the defence of the country, for conserving the interests of our people and for maintaining the integrity of the empire in the present emergency. It is my fervent hope and my confident anticipation that these measures will prove adequate in every way for the great purposes which they are designed to fulfil.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the

liberal provision which you have made for the needs of the country in the grave conditions which have arisen through the outbreak of war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In relieving you for the time being from the important and responsible duties to which you were summoned so suddenly and unexpectedly, I commend to the Divine protection the people of this Dominion in the firm trust that the future will continually grow brighter and that there will be a favourable and honourable issue from the war in which the empire is now involved.