

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament, I desire to convey to you my appreciation of the diligence and earnestness which you have shown in the performance of your important duties.

I thank you in the Queen's name for the cordial and affectionate congratulations you have offered to Her Majesty on the completion of the Fiftieth anniversary of Her happy reign.

I have taken care to transmit your loyal Address to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The readjustment of the Tariff, for the purpose of further developing our home industries, upon principles which have been received with such marked acceptance by the people of Canada, will, it is confidently expected, in an especial manner encourage the working of our vast mines of iron and coal, and promote the production within our own country of all the more important iron manufactures.

The establishment of a Department of Trade and Commerce under the supervision of a responsible Minister, and the measures you have passed for the better organization of other Departments of Government, will, I trust, tend to aid in the extension of our home and foreign trade, as well as to improve the efficiency of the Public Service.

The numerous Acts, relating to railway and other industrial enterprises, to which I have given Her Majesty's assent, indicate a steady growth in the national progress of the Dominion, and your liberal appropriation for the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal ensures the completion of our great system of inland navigation at an early period.

Our agricultural population will, I am sure, learn with much pleasure of the provision you have made for the maintenance of the Experimental Farm in this vicinity, and the establishment of auxiliary stations in the several Provinces.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the provision you have made for the requirements of the Public Service. I shall see that it is applied with all due regard to economy.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I trust that under the blessing of Almighty God the present promise of an abundant harvest may be fully realized, and that when we meet again I shall be able to congratulate you on a still further increase in the general prosperity of the country. Meanwhile, I bid you farewell.

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 Tuesday, the second day of August next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the second day of August next.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued until Tuesday, the second day of August next.