

towards its close and that in all probability I am taking leave of you for the last time. Lest this should be the case, I desire to avail myself of the present occasion to express my abiding interest in all that concerns the welfare of Canada, and my sincere affection to her people, who have never failed to testify their loyalty to the person and throne of our Sovereign, and to show kindness and consideration to her representative. It will ever be my sincere desire to be of service to the Dominion and I shall continue to cherish feelings of the warmest solicitude for the welfare and prosperity of those amongst whom I have been placed during the past five years.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may at all times attend you.

THE SPEAKER of the Senate then 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 eleventh day of May next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the eleventh day of May next.