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accepted; and that Her Majesty's Government also enhanced the dignity and usefulness of the Conference by sending a representative to assist at its deliberations. It is confidently hoped that the results of the Conference will be found beneficial to the Colonies and to the Empire generally.

The ratification of the Treaty of Commerce with *France* will lead, I hope, to a large increase in our exports and an extension of friendly relations with that country.

I trust that the arduous work which has engaged you in readjusting the Duties of Customs will accomplish the desired result of adapting the tariff to the present conditions of the various classes of our population.

The Statutes of the session will show that the laws affecting many public interests have been revised and greatly improved by your efforts, and I observe that you have likewise made generous provision for public improvements which are designed to increase the facilities for travel and transportation throughout the country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the services of the current year.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In relieving you from your present duties I pray that your labours may be fruitful of benefit to the country and that on returning to your homes you will find that a generous harvest is about to reward the toil of our farmers and that the blessing of Providence has been likewise bestowed abundantly on all the other interests of the people whom you represent.

Then the Honourable THE SPEAKER of the Senate said :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

It is HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Saturday, the First day of September next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Saturday, the First day of September next.