

Each case will have to be dealt with as it arises. Each case will have to be dealt with on its own merits. Various factors will doubtless govern the Treasury Board as to whether these advances should be made—the necessity of such advances being made, the class of securities, the desirability of diverting a very large amount of Dominion notes with reference to one particular class of security—would of itself be a matter for serious consideration. All these factors enter into the exercise of the powers vested in the Government under clause 4, and I regret very much that I cannot give my hon. friend an absolutely decided answer upon the particular case which he has submitted.

Hon. Mr. KERR—I intended to broaden the suggestion a little because I understood from what appeared in the public press and what has been said in consequence of that, that the application had been made by the Canadian Northern Railway Company for assistance. The Government can tell us whether that is so or not. That was done prior to the framing of this Bill. The next question is, was this Bill framed as it is with a view to enabling this to be done, or so that it could be done if the bonds passed through the hands of the bank. It is quite true that all of that could be done. Then the question I want to know is whether that is a case that would come within the scope of this Act, and one on which the Government intend to make an advance.

The motion was agreed to.

#### PROROGATION.

At four o'clock p.m., His Royal Highness the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber, and took his seat upon the Throne. The members of the Senate being assembled, His Royal Highness was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, the following Bills were assented to, in His Majesty's name, by His Royal Highness the Governor General, viz:

An Act to conserve the Commercial and Financial interests of Canada.

An Act to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council and to amend the Immigration Act.

An Act respecting Dominion notes.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1907.

An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Naturalization Act.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for military and naval defence.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name, His Royal Highness the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.

After which His Royal Highness the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following

#### SPEECH:

*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.