I am glad that a wise economy obviated the necessity of imposing any fresh taxation on the people; and I trust that increased commercial prosperity will justify your confidence in the future.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate— Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

I regret that I am unable to announce that any further progress has been made with the arrangements for the settlement of the compensation to be paid for our fisheries, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Washington.

I trust that on your return to your respective homes you may find the promise awaiting you of a prosperous season, and that your labours out of session may be as useful and beneficial as they have been during your attendance in Parliament.