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your own accumulating productions with those of your Western neighbours.

It is highly satisfactory that the condition of the revenue is so prosperous as to enable you to advance the interests of the country, by commencing the construction of these works at once, without delay or misgivings.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name, I thank you for the supplies which you have so cheerfully granted. I heartily congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the revenue, and on your having been enabled, by the repeal of the duties on tea and coffee, to diminish the burdens of the people.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The joint address with which you have honoured me on the eve of my departure, is most agreeable to my feelings. I shall, I assure you, hold in grateful recollection all my life the expression of your respect and esteem.

I have watched with deep interest in my official capacity the

proceedings of four sessions, and made myself otherwise acquainted with the views and wishes of the Parliament and people of Canada, and I earnestly hope that the good intelligence which prevails between them and the people of England may last, constant and unimpaired for generations to come.

I now have the honour to bid you farewell, with those serious thoughts which the word "farewell" naturally awakens, with every acknowledgement of the many courtesies and the effective assistance which I have received at your hands, and with the most cherished and ardent wishes for the welfare of the Dominion, with which, I rejoice to think, that my humble name has been connected by an honourable tie for more than three years.

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 Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of July next, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of July next.