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will be widely extended and the traffic passing over her lines of communication greatly developed.

You have again made liberal provision for extending the railway facilities of the Dominion and for increasing their efficiency.

The Act relating to the Electoral Franchise will, I believe, be found an important improvement, tending to economy and certainty in the administration of that branch of the law.

The measure by which the system of Speedy Trials for criminals has been extended to the Maritime Provinces is likely to prove a valuable addition to our Criminal Procedure.

It is gratifying to know that your address referring to the boundaries of Ontario, will lead to the early settlement of the principal question which has remained unsettled to the present time between that Province and the Dominion, in a manner entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

The amendment of the laws relating to Copyright, will, it is hoped, remove some of the embarrassments under which the printers and publishers of Canada have laboured for some years past, without doing injustice to authors in this or other countries.

You have provided for greater efficiency and economy in the Postal Service, for giving greater facilities for the settlement of our lands in the North-West Territories, and for increasing the safeguards of life and property on our ships.

Many of the other measures although of a minor character will be found of great usefulness in conducting the affairs of administration.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

You have liberally provided for the various requirements of the public service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In taking leave of you, I congratulate you on the indications of prosperity which appear in all parts of Canada, and on the increasing revenue which promises amply to meet the appropriations for the year.

I sincerely hope that in the season which is now opening the labors of our people may be blessed by Divine Providence, and that when it shall be my duty to summon you again, I shall be able to renew the congratulations which I have already expressed on the marked welfare and progress of the Dominion.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Senate then said :

*Honorable 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 Tuesday, the eleventh day of June next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the eleventh day of June next.