

“The law providing for the extradition of fugitive criminals will enable Canada to discharge efficiently her part of the engagements of the Empire in this important particular.

“*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

“In Her Majesty’s name, I thank you for the Supplies you have so cheerfully voted. I will take care that they are expended with due regard to economy.

“*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

“*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

“The Commissioners named under the Treaty of Washington having been at length appointed, the Commission will shortly be

organized at Halifax. I have taken steps to ensure a full and fair presentation of the case of Canada. I trust the negotiations may realize all our expectations.

“I have now only to give expression to my earnest hope that on your return to your several homes you may meet with evidences of growing prosperity, and that, before you are again called upon to meet together in your representative capacity, the passing cloud on our Trade and Commerce will have disappeared.”

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued to Thursday, 7th June, next.