

## PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a Communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 29th January, 1945.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber on Wednesday, 31st January, at 2.45 p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. PEREIRA,

*Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that—

“It is the desire of the Honourable the Deputy Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.”

The House of Commons being come,

The Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Nineteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The war is now in its sixth year. To-day, decisive battles are being fought on German soil. Under sustained pressure the defeat of Germany is but a matter of time. Present operations involve bitter fighting and heavy losses. The last phase of the struggle in Europe may well be the most costly of all. To effect the utmost saving of human life, every effort must be put forth to end the war as swiftly as possible. This clearly remains the supreme objective.