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In renewing the charters of the Banks for another period of ten years the Bank Act has received careful and thorough consideration; and important amendments have been adopted providing more efficient safeguards for the protection of both depositors and shareholders.

The adhesion of Canada to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and the Empire of Japan has been accomplished under conditions which should tend to promote friendly relations and increased commercial intercourse between the two countries.

Provision has been made for the establishment of a Parcel Post, the need for which has been long felt; and it cannot be doubted that the facilities thus afforded will be greatly appreciated throughout the Dominion.

The trade agreement between Canada and certain of the West Indian Colonies has now been brought into force, and it is confidently expected that trade and intercourse between these portions of the Empire will be thereby stimulated and promoted.

The amendments made to the Criminal Code should materially aid the necessary efforts to stamp out evils against which legislation has been recently directed in many countries.

In wise recognition of the importance of transportation, aid has been granted which should ensure the speedy completion of the transcontinental railways now under construction. The increasing volume of production and commerce is already taxing the capacity of existing transportation lines in all parts of Canada.

Among other important subjects which are receiving effective and well merited attention are the provision of further terminal elevators in the Western Provinces, the equipment of National Ports on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, and the construction of dry docks of sufficient size to accommodate the largest ocean-going steamships.

The arrangement which has been consummated for a more speedy and more frequent mail service from Canadian Ports to those of the United Kingdom has doubtless commended itself to your approval and will be hailed with satisfaction by the people.

You will be glad to know that the trade of Canada during the fiscal year just completed has largely surpassed that of any previous year. Immigration still flows, and there is every prospect of an early return to the normal level of satisfactory evidence of development and progress in all parts of the Dominion.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the increasing needs of the public service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I trust that on your return to your homes you will find abundant evidence that the coming harvest will be bountiful, thus assuring for another year the prosperity which Canada happily enjoys.

The Senate resumed.

THE SPEAKER of the Senate, then said:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons.*

It is HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR'S will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday, the 16th day of July next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the 16th day of July next.