
The extension to the people of the North-West Territories of a larger measure of self-government than they have hitherto enjoyed, is satisfactory evidence of the rapid development of that important portion of the Dominion, and will, I trust, be attended with beneficial results.

The prospects for a large immigration this year of a desirable class of settlers are, I am glad to believe, exceptionally good.

The various amendments to the laws relating to the Inland Revenue, Railways, The Civil Service and to the other Acts affecting the public interests which you have passed, seem well adapted to meet the circumstances which have rendered them necessary.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies which you have readily granted for the carrying on of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I cannot take leave of you for the last time without placing on record my deep regret that my official connection with your country should be at an end. It is a source of no slight satisfaction to me to call to mind under these circumstances the fact that within the last few hours you have been pleased to assure me of the favour with which you have regarded my endeavours to discharge the task committed to me by Her Majesty.

My interest in the Dominion will not cease with my departure from its shores, and I pray that in years to come its people may enjoy in abundance every blessing which it is in the power of Providence to bestow.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued until Saturday, the 30th June next.

JOSEPH ALDRIC OUMET,
Speaker.
