

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House.—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,”

Who, being come with their Speaker,—

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following speech :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE :

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS :—

In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament, I beg leave to convey to you my best thanks for the diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your public duties.

Among the Measures you have adopted are laws of great importance to the well-being of the Dominion.

The interests of Trade will be promoted by the Act relating to the inspection of the staple articles of Canadian produce, as well as by the statute regulating weights and measures.

The several Acts respecting our merchant shipping will greatly tend to the success and development of that great branch of our national industry, and to the protection of the lives of our seamen.

By the Act relating to the trial of Controverted Elections of Members of the House of Commons you have adopted the system which is now in successful operation in the Mother Country.

I sincerely congratulate you on the admission of the Colony of Prince Edward Island as a Province of the Dominion.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS :

In Her Majesty’s name I thank you for the supplies you have so cheerfully granted. They will ensure the vigorous prosecution of the great public works so impetively called for by the wants of this growing country.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN :—

I have thought it expedient, in the interests of good government, to order that a Commission should be issued to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway, to which the public attention has been directed, and that the evidence adduced before such Commission should be taken on oath.

The Commissioners shall be instructed to proceed with the enquiry with all diligence, and to transmit their report, as well to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons, as to myself. Immediately on receipt of the report, I shall cause Parliament to be summoned for the dispatch of business, to give you an early opportunity of taking such report into consideration. Meanwhile I bid you farewell.

The Honourable the Speaker then said :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE :

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS :—

It is His Excellency the Governor General’s will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday the twenty-second day of September next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday the twenty-second day of September next.