

The Act to place the Department of Labour, which has been in existence for some years, under the direct responsibility of a Minister of the Crown, exclusively entrusted with its management, is in accordance with the oft-expressed wishes of labour organizations, and is a further step in a field of legislation wherein Canada has already taken a not unimportant place.

The Act charging the Secretary of State with special responsibility in regard to the External Affairs of Canada will facilitate the transaction of business in connection with that most important branch of the public service.

The resolution adopted by the House of Commons for the organization of a Canadian Naval service, in co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial Navy, is a proper acknowledgment of the duties now appertaining to Canada as a nation, and as a member of the British Empire.

The financial conditions throughout the world seem to be more hopeful than they were four months ago when I opened this session, and whilst in Canada we have undoubtedly suffered less than other countries during this period of universal depression, it will still be the part of prudence to exercise care and economy in all branches of the Service.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the provisions which you have made for the public service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I sincerely hope and pray that Almighty God will continue to pour His blessing upon our country, and let us now offer Him the fervent expression of our gratitude for the signal favours which we have received from Him.

The SPEAKER of the Senate then said:—

*Honourable 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 28th day of June next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the 28th day of June next.

CHARLES MARCIL,

*Speaker.*