

public service, for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1900, and for other purposes relating to the public service."

To which bill I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Dominion with the following

SPEECH :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In relieving you of your duties during this protracted session, I desire to thank you for the diligent attention you have given to the many important measures which have been submitted for your consideration.

I am glad to observe that the action of Canada in deciding to unite with the mother country and the

Australian colonies in the construction of a Pacific cable has met with general approval.

I congratulate you on the evidence of continued prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion, and which has stimulated the formation of so many companies having for their object the development of enterprises that must tend to increase the wealth of the country.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the supplies you have granted for the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In bidding you farewell, I desire to express the hope that Canada may long continue to enjoy the prosperity that at present prevails.

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 eighteenth day of September next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the eighteenth day of September next.