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After which His Royal Highness the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In relieving you for the present from your arduous duties I desire to thank you for the diligence and zeal with which you have discharged them, and especially for the timely and effective measures which you have taken for necessary co-operation with the United Kingdom and the other Dominions of His Majesty in the tremendous war which has been forced upon our Empire. It is my earnest prayer and my firm hope that the aid thus promptly and generously given will contribute, in no small measure, to that complete and unmistakeable success of the allied arms which alone can bring about an honourable and lasting peace.

As this great struggle proceeds there is no abatement in the intense earnestness and determination of the Canadian people to unite their efforts with those of all the British Dominions for the maintenance of our Empire's integrity and for the preservation of its institutions and liberties. From the Atlantic to the Pacific the splendid response to the call for men has fully equalled all anticipations.

In common with all the people of this Dominion, I have been proud to learn that the Canadian soldiers have shown conspicuous bravery and efficiency in the field of battle, and that they have borne themselves worthily when fighting side by side with the best troops of the Empire.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In his Majesty's name, I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for carrying on the affairs of the country and for meeting the necessities of the war under the trying conditions which it has brought about.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I bid you now farewell, in the earnest hope that the terrible conflict in which the Empire is engaged may be brought to a speedy and favourable conclusion, and in the firm belief that our country under the blessing of Divine Providence, will then resume unchecked that career of marked progress and abundant prosperity which it is destined to enjoy.

THE SPEAKER of the Senate then said :

It is His Royal Highness the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday, the 25th day of May next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the 25th day of May next.