

When parliament opened in November last a serious financial depression prevailed throughout the adjoining republic the effect of which was far reaching, involving in a limited degree all those countries having business relations with the United States. The crisis in the money market that followed, coupled with the diminished value of the crops in the prairie provinces, seriously affected the yearly increasing prosperity which Canada had enjoyed during the preceding eight years. The present hopeful outlook for an unusually large crop of the cereals and other products of the soil, will, it is believed, mark the beginning of another long series of years of plenty and prosperity.

It is very gratifying to observe the patriotic enthusiasm that has been aroused not only in all parts of the Dominion but throughout the empire, at the approaching celebration of the founding of the city of Quebec three hundred years ago by the heroic French navigator, Samuel de Champlain. To add to the glory of the occasion His Gracious Majesty the King has deputed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to represent him at the interesting pageants that will be presented in commemoration of the event. The presence also of representatives from France and the United States at the ceremonial will be hailed with

intense pleasure by the people of Canada, and will be accepted as an evidence of friendship on the part of the citizens of those two great republics.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the public service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

Let us earnestly hope that when we meet again the present bright prospects for a bountiful harvest in all parts of the Dominion will have been realized, prompting an additional reason for expressing our heart-felt thanks to a kind Providence for the many blessings we enjoy in this favoured land.

The Speaker of the Senate then said :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, that this parliament be prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-first day of August next, to be here holden, and this parliament is accordingly prorogued until the twenty-first day of August next.