

Several Acts of great public utility have been added to the laws in the session now drawing to a close. Among the number, I am glad to note :

An Act for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

An Act in restriction of Usury.

An Act to secure the better Marking of Fruit.

An Act requiring that certain articles containing a proportion of gold and silver when offered for sale should be honestly marked.

An Act relating to immigrants and immigration, which, among other provisions, will enable the authorities to deport undesirable persons.

It is earnestly to be hoped that your example in passing the Act setting apart large areas for forest reserves will be followed by those provincial legislatures having jurisdiction over their public domain ; and that a system of reforestation may be adopted in all parts of the Dominion thereby preserving the uniform flow of our rivers and of our valuable water-powers.

In view of the many important Acts passed, and of the numerous amendments made to existing laws during this session, it has been deemed expedient to stay the issue of the vol-

umes of the revised statutes, in order that the recent legislation may be embodied.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the supplies you have so liberally voted.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

A copy of the convention regarding commercial relations between Japan and Canada has now been received. The treaty has been duly ratified and exchanged, thereby giving Canada material advantages in our trade with Japan.

I now beg to express the hope that on your return to your several homes you will find evidences that the coming harvest will be a bountiful one, thus assuring another year's prosperity throughout the Dominion.

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 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.