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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 Atlantic to 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.

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