

At the same time it will provide the means for conserving more effectively the essential agricultural and industrial activities of the Dominion.

You have recognized your duty in providing the best possible safeguards for enabling those engaged in the defence of their country to have their voice in the decision of national questions which vitally affect them. For this purpose, as well as to give due recognition to service and sacrifice in the affairs of the State, the necessary adjustments which you have made in the legislation relevant to these matters will doubtless prove effective.

The legislation you have passed for the purpose of assisting returned soldiers to settle upon the land will not only aid materially in restoring these gallant men to their rightful status in the community but should greatly increase the agricultural production of the country.

The appointment of a Food Controller and of a Fuel Controller, invested with important powers and duties, is founded upon the impressive need of the utmost economy and saving in order that our national strength may continue unimpaired.

In order that our industries may be equipped to cope with the intricate problems of the future, provision has been wisely made for promoting scientific and industrial research.

Important progress has been made in solving our difficult problems of railway transportation, and the means have been provided whereby a great railway system shall become the property of the people of Canada and be added to their national undertakings.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In the name of His Majesty I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the needs of the public service and for the prosecution of the war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

Although the stress of the war becomes increasingly severe, the people of Canada, resolute in the supreme purpose of achieving through victory an abiding peace, have not faltered; and I am confident that whatever further efforts are necessary will be unhesitatingly put forth in the stern determination that the vast sacrifices already made shall not be in vain.

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 Thursday, the 1st day of November next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the 1st day of November next.