

“ ‘ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1898, and the 30th June, 1899, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.’

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :—

“ In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the THIRD SESSION of the EIGHTH PARLIAMENT of the DOMINION with the following Speech :—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am glad to be able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament.

Whilst all the measures which public interest seemed to demand and to which I invited your consideration at the opening of this Session, have not received the concurrence of both Houses of Parliament, I congratulate you on the very important legislation which has been the outcome of your deliberations, particularly the Plebiscite Act and the new Franchise Act, which, it is confidently expected, will work satisfactorily in all parts of the Dominion.

I rejoice that during my term of office, it has been my good fortune to witness the improved relations that have grown up between Canada and the neighbouring Republic, and I look forward with much satisfaction to the great benefits that will flow from a settlement of the many questions that have caused irritation in the past.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

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

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I now wish to express the earnest hope that the work of the Session may materially advance the prosperity of the country.

I cannot be unmindful of the fact that this is the last occasion on which it will be my privilege to address you from this seat as the Representative of the Sovereign.

In bidding you a cordial farewell, I have to return my warm acknowledgments of the parting Address, full of loyalty to the Queen and of kindly good-will to myself, which I am officially informed has been unanimously passed by both Houses of Parliament, and which will always constitute a valued token and memorial of my stay amongst you ; and in conclusion I desire to express my most hearty good wishes for your personal happiness and for the welfare of the great interests entrusted to you.

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 Monday, the twenty-fifth day of July next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the twenty-fifth day of July next.