

maintained, and that the general prosperity of the country has not been perceptibly diminished by the war.

In dealing with national problems of railway development you have made provision by which present needs will be met. Steps will be taken by my advisers without delay to insure an effective inquiry into the conditions by which those problems are surrounded and the most efficient methods by which they can be solved.

The provision for supplementing, with such aid as is required from the federal power, the operation of provincial legislation restricting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors, is in accordance with the marked advance of public opinion to which the provincial enactments are due.

I deplore with you the partial destruction of the historic building in which the deliberations of Parliament have been held since the founding of this Dominion. It is anticipated that in its

restoration the distinctive features of its architecture will be preserved while at the same time more spacious and convenient accommodation will be provided.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you on behalf of His Majesty for the liberal provision which you have made for the public needs and for the increasing demands of the war.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

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It is my privilege now to relieve you for the present from your arduous labours; and I do so with an ever-growing confidence that, notwithstanding any temporary reverse, victory will crown our high cause; with a fervent prayer also and an humble faith that out of this time of trial and suffering our country will assuredly advance to a greater and nobler future.