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The arrangements made by my Ministers with the Government of Mexico for lines of steamers between that Republic and Canada on the Atlantic and Pacific will, I hope, add materially to our foreign trade.

The steadily increasing revenue has amply justified the liberal aid granted towards the improvement of our rivers and harbours and the construction of other public works, materially benefiting the trade and commerce of our country.

The changes made in the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of Canada, providing for the increased strength and efficiency of the force will, I do not doubt, meet with general approval.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the Public Service.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

My official connection with the Dominion of Canada is drawing to a close. Be assured I shall watch its future progress and development with deep and abiding interest and pray that the peace and prosperity with which this favoured land is now being blessed, may under God's providence long continue.

Then the Honourable the SPEAKER of the Senate 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 Nineteenth of September next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday the Nineteenth day of September next.