

an accomplished fact the Union of all Her Majesty's Continental Possessions in *North America*, an object, the attainment of which, even the most sanguine advocates of Confederation did not anticipate for many years to come.

I cherish the expectation that the result of the Census will demonstrate that the several Provinces of the Dominion have made a rapid advance in population and in all the elements of material prosperity during the last decade.

The fisheries question is still under the consideration of the Joint High Commission at *Washington*, and I am confident that every effort is being made to secure such a result as will meet the reasonable expectations of the *Canadian* people, and tend to the preservation of lasting amity and good feeling between *Great Britain* and the *United States*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I tender you my thanks for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies for the present year.

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :*

We have abundant cause for rejoicing at the present moment in the favourable state of the revenue and the thriving condition of many branches of the national industry. I gratefully acknowledge the loyalty of the people, and the spirit of order and respect for the law, which prevail in every part of the country, and I pray with all humility that these blessings may be of long continuance, and that He, from whom all good proceeds, may vouchsafe to look with favour on this Dominion.

Then the Honorable Speaker of the Senate said :—

*Honorable 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 Twenty-fifth day of May, next, to be here holden ; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the Twenty-fifth day of May next.