

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks His loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the first session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion with the following

SPEECH :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons*

In relieving you from this laborious and long protracted session, I desire to express my hearty congratulations on the passage of the two important measures providing for the entry into the confederacy of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The unparalleled increase in the population during the last three years, of the areas the new provinces embrace, affords the strongest evidence that at no distant date they will be the homes of many millions of prosperous and contented people.

The fair prospect of an unusually abundant harvest not alone in the three prairie provinces, but also in other parts of this wide Dominion will, I trust, under a kind Providence, be fully realized, justifying the hope that the stream of immigration now flowing into the Dominion will continue for many years to come, adding wealth to this highly favoured land.

The addition to the number of the permanent force which you have authorized will enable my government to relieve the taxpayers of the United Kingdom from the burden of

keeping up the garrisons at Esquimalt and at Halifax.

It is very gratifying to note that the revenue of the Dominion continues to maintain the high level it had reached two years ago, thus enabling my government to meet the increased expenditure chargeable against consolidated revenue, leaving a surplus to apply on capital account.

The numerous Private Bills for industrial objects to which I have assented point to the existence of many new enterprises.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you, in His Majesty's name, for the supplies you have so liberally voted.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In returning to your several homes allow me to express the hope that you will find abundant evidences of the growing prosperity and that before we meet again at another session some progress may have been made in the work of constructing the National Transcontinental Railway so soon to become a necessity for the transportation of the annually increasing products of the west.

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 Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of August next, to be here holden, and this parliament is accordingly prorogued until the twenty-ninth day of August next.