

# WAR SESSION OF FEDERAL HOUSE PROROGUES TODAY

## Five Days of Speedy Legisla- tion of Great Importance Finished

OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—When the house met this morning at eleven o'clock, Speaker Spreule announced that prorogation will take place at four o'clock this afternoon. The war session has lasted just five days, or about the time it usually takes parliament to settle down to business.

Sir Robert Borden made an official announcement as to the contributions made direct to the British government by the various provincial governments of Canada. The government had official knowledge that Alberta had offered half a million bushels of oats, and that Nova Scotia had offered one hundred thousands tons of coal. Official information had also reached the government that British Columbia proposed to make a gift, the nature of which is not known. It had also been learned from the press that Quebec proposes to give four million pounds of cheese, and the premier of Ontario had also announced that something would be done by that province.

### Bill Is Passed

Five names were added to the list of directors of the Battlefield association by the commons. The names added were: Hon. T. Berthiaume, E. R. Wood, Sir William Mullock, Hon. George Black and J. L. K. Ross. The bill was passed.

Replying to a question by A. A. McLean as to war risks, Sir George E. Foster explained to the house the plan of the British government to provide war risk to an amount of 80 percent in excess of the risks authorized by recognized marine associations, the details of which have already been announced. He said that shipping conditions were rapidly becoming normal, and that plenty of vessels were being loaded. Sir George added that the British plan does not apply to the coasting trade.

Sir Robert Borden assured Mr. Carvell that all contracts for food and supplies would be let by tender. A similar assurance in regard to supplies for the military forces was given by Col. Sam Hughes yesterday. At 11:20 the house adjourned until 4 o'clock, when prorogation takes place.

### Speech From Throne

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:  
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the prompt and effective consideration which you have given to measures necessary for assuring the defence of the country, for conserving the interests of our people, and for maintaining the integrity of the Empire in the present emergency. It is my fervent hope and my confident anticipation that these measures will prove adequate in every way for the great purposes which they are designed to fulfill.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you in his majesty's name for the liberal provision which you have made for the needs of the country in the grave conditions which have arisen through the outbreak of war.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:  
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you for the time being from the important and responsible duties to which you were summoned so suddenly and unexpectedly, I commend to the Divine protection the people of this Dominion in the firm trust that the future will continually grow brighter and that there will be a favorable and honorable issue from the war in which the Empire is now involved.