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THE First Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of New Zealand was on the twenty-seventh day of June opened by Commissioners under the authority of Letters Patent, and His Excellency was this day pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this Session of Parliament together:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

My term of office as Governor-General of this Dominion is due to expire early next year and, as this may be the last occasion upon which I shall have the privilege of addressing you in Parliament assembled, I should like to express to you, and through you, to the people of New Zealand, my deep appreciation of the good will which has been consistently extended to me as His Majesty's Representative, and also to Lady Galway. On all sides we have received nothing but kindness and consideration, and the friendly and generous way in which we have been welcomed on our journeys through the country will remain with us always as a happy memory. We are deeply sensible of these many expressions of good will—from people of all classes and both races—and we shall, on our return to the Mother-country, try to repay in some measure our debt to them by endeavouring, whenever the opportunity offers, to further the interests of this Dominion and its people.

It is with deep regret that I must call your special attention to the international situation, which continues to give rise to grave and increasing anxiety.

My Ministers remain firmly attached to the principles of the Covenant of the League of Nations, holding, as they do, that a just and stable international peace can never be fully attained by any other method, and they will continue to support these principles by all the means in their power. But in the