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**T**HE Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor-General, when His Excellency was 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,—

I feel it a great privilege to have this opportunity of meeting you for the first time in Parliament assembled. I warmly appreciate the honour conferred upon me by His Majesty the King in enabling me to associate myself, as His Majesty's Representative, with the life and activities of this Dominion, which has so long and so justly prided itself upon its traditions of loyalty to the Throne, and devotion to the British Commonwealth and to the principles of democracy, for the defence of which we are now at war. Although it is but a short period since I landed on your shores, I am taking, and will continue to take, every opportunity of meeting the people in all districts, and I have been very much moved by the unmistakable warmth of the welcome that has everywhere been extended to me and to Her Excellency. It is my earnest hope that I may, by God's will, be permitted to assist in some measure in forwarding the prosperity and the development of the Dominion.

I have come to New Zealand during the course of a struggle upon which the fate of the British Commonwealth, and indeed of civilization itself, depends, and I have been most happy to note the strength and firmness of the determination that animates my Ministers in prosecuting this conflict to a successful conclusion.