

schemes for returned men who, through previous lack of opportunity or physical disability, are not suitable for immediate absorption into ordinary forms of employment, while adequate provision is being made for hospital accommodation where required, to ensure the most modern treatment for disabled men. My Government, who propose very shortly to associate with themselves in this matter representatives of returned soldiers, farmers, rural and urban workers, manufacturers, Commerce and other interested sections of the community, are confident that their plans for these purposes will be adequate and ready when the need arises.

The Legislation that will be presented to you during the session will be of small proportions. In the opinion of my Advisers the times are such that the attention of all responsible men and women should be directed toward essential matters only, and that those of less importance should properly be postponed until the present crisis has been surmounted.

In the conflict in which we are engaged my Ministers have no doubt that there are stern days ahead and that the British Commonwealth and its Allies will require all their fortitude to meet the blows that may be expected and all their strength to overcome a fanatical and unscrupulous foe. But they have been greatly encouraged by the inability of the enemy to strike any decisive blow during the period when our preparations for war, as a peaceful nation, were at a low ebb. The admirable fortitude of our kinsfolk in the United Kingdom, the magnificent exploits of the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force, and the heroic resistance of the Greeks have been an inspiration to us all, and with the growing weight of the resources now rapidly coming forward, the loyal co-operation of our Allies, and the rapidly increasing help and friendship extended to us by great and friendly neutrals, they are convinced that we can press forward with confidence and resolution, sure of the righteousness of our cause and certain of ultimate victory.

I pray that in your deliberations you may be guided by Divine Providence for the safety and prosperity of the Dominion and for the cause to which it has pledged itself.