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THE Third Session of the Twenty-seventh 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 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I feel it a great privilege to have this opportunity of addressing you for the first time in Parliament assembled. I am deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon me by His Majesty the King in enabling me to associate myself, as His Majesty's Representative, with this Dominion, which has so long and justly prided itself on its traditions of loyalty to the Throne and its unswerving devotion to the British Commonwealth and the principles of democracy.

I have been very much moved by the warmth of the welcome everywhere extended to me and to Lady Freyberg. It is my earnest hope that I may, by God's will, be permitted to assist in some measure the forwarding of the prosperity and the development of the Dominion.

I have come to New Zealand at the conclusion of a struggle on which the fate of the British Commonwealth depended, and it is with great inspiration that I look back on the strength and determination with which the people of this Dominion, Maori and pakeha alike, engaged in the struggle against aggression.

In the year which has passed since Parliament last opened, final victory was achieved with the capitulation of Japan. After six years of strenuous effort and anxiety and sacrifice, the people of New Zealand gave thanks to Almighty God and rejoiced that they could turn once more to the ways of peace.