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THE Third Session of the Thirty-third Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by Her Majesty the Queen, when Her Majesty was pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this session of Parliament together.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

It is moving and memorable for me to be present once more among the elected representatives of the people of New Zealand and to exercise my prerogative of opening the Third Session of this Thirty-third Parliament.

I have been deeply touched by the warmth of the welcome extended by my people in New Zealand, both European and Maori, and by the expressions of loyalty and affection I have received. From them I shall draw strength for my task as your Queen and as Head of the Commonwealth's great association of independent nations.

I have been impressed by the many signs of progress and development since my visit to New Zealand nine years ago. The population has grown by well over 400,000 in those years and has put to the test the country's capacity to provide the capital development needed to sustain this growth. It is a matter for satisfaction that this challenge has been met so successfully. There are new houses, new schools, new roads and aerodromes, newly won farm lands, and new industry – all signs of a vigorous response to the needs of a growing and prospering community.

I have also been impressed by recent advances in the efficient use of the country's natural resources. The widespread application in the primary industries of new scientific techniques has greatly increased the yield and potential of New Zealand's farm lands.