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**T**HE First Session of the Eleventh Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following

S P E E C H .

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

I regret that I have been obliged to call for your attendance at an unusual, and probably to most of you, an inconvenient season.

The general election having taken place, my late Advisers deemed it necessary that, having regard to the uncertainty of the strength of parties, Parliament should be called together at the earliest possible opportunity; but, prior to the opening of Parliament, they tendered their resignations, and a new Administration has been formed.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

As you are aware, Estimates were passed during the last session of Parliament providing for the expenditure of the current financial year; and my Advisers propose to make an exhaustive inquiry into the financial condition of the colony in order to submit proposals which they believe will be satisfactory, framed with due regard to economy, and with such reduction of the expenditure as the position of the country demands, without impairing the efficiency of the public service.

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

My Advisers propose that a measure dealing with the administration of the public lands of the colony shall, after careful consideration, be submitted to you, in order to remedy the defects proved to exist in the present state of the law.

They also believe that a Department of Agriculture can be made productive of great practical utility, without entailing any unnecessary additional departmental expenditure.

They also propose to submit to you measures which, they trust, will improve the relations of labour to capital and promote the cause of industrial progress.

My Advisers consider that earnest attention should be given to the development of the vast mineral resources of the colony, and believe that much can be done to further the mining interests at a moderate cost.

I propose that after a suitable recess you should proceed to the consideration of these and other important measures for the public benefit which will be submitted to you.

I assure you of my earnest desire to co-operate with you in your efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the colony, and I pray that your labours may, by the blessing of God, conduce to the well-being and happiness of the people.