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THE First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of New Zealand was on the fourth day of December opened by Commissioners under the authority of Letters Patent, and His Excellency was this day 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 GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The illness of the King has created and still causes grave anxiety in every part of his Empire. I am confident that you join with me in earnest hope that His Majesty may be speedily restored to complete health and strength.

In accordance with the advice of my Ministers that immediate opportunity should be afforded to the twenty-third Parliament of the Dominion to express approval or otherwise of their Administration I have convened your first session to be held at the earliest possible date after the return of the writs.

It is not proposed to submit legislative measures for your consideration during your present session.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:—

As supply has been already granted for the period expiring on the 30th June next, you will not be called upon during your present session to consider legislation relating to finance.

You will be furnished with information relating to the finances of the Dominion for the first seven months of this financial year.

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

I earnestly trust that under Divine Providence the happiness and well-being of the people of this Dominion may be advanced by the result of your deliberations.

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