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THE Third Session of the Eighteenth 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,—

It gives me much pleasure to meet you for the first time in Parliament assembled. The loyal and enthusiastic welcome with which I was received as His Majesty's Representative by the people of this Dominion upon my arrival was specially gratifying, and the warm receptions which were accorded to me by His Majesty's Maori subjects were regarded with feelings of deep appreciation. These demonstrations I look upon as a sincere expression of the loyalty to our Sovereign entertained by the whole of his subjects in this Dominion.

Since assuming the responsibilities of the Government, I have visited various parts of the North and South Islands, and have taken every opportunity of making myself familiar with the general circumstances of the country and the aspirations of the people. It has given me pleasure in the course of my visits to become known to large numbers of the inhabitants of the Dominion. I have observed with the deepest interest the resources and potentialities of the country, and the many signs of prosperity and comfort that are apparent in the lives of the people. I feel confident that when the great natural advantages which this country possesses become more widely known in Great Britain many suitable settlers will be attracted to its shores.

It is pleasing for me to be able to announce that the volume of trade during the past year was the largest recorded in the history of the Dominion. The outlook for the coming season is bright, and although a world-wide financial stringency, caused by the disturbed condition of affairs in Europe and by large and