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THE Second Session of the Twenty-second 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 GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

It is with pleasure that I again meet you in Parliament assembled.

Since your last session I have had further opportunities of visiting various parts of the Dominion and have been deeply impressed by the spirit of loyalty which is everywhere in evidence, as well as by the warmth of the welcome extended to me as His Majesty's representative.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York aroused great enthusiasm throughout the Dominion, and provided an occasion for a demonstration of loyalty to the Crown and personal regard for the Sovereign and the Royal Family. The welcome to our Royal visitors was in every way as whole-hearted as that which was accorded in previous years to Their Majesties the King and Queen and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

At the Maori gathering at Rotorua our fellow-subjects of the Native race again strikingly demonstrated their loyalty to the Sovereign in accordance with their customs and usages.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses, I am confident, will still further strengthen the ties which bind the citizens of this Dominion to the Motherland.

The Imperial Conference, at which this Dominion was represented by my Prime Minister and the Right Honourable Sir Francis Bell, last year was notable for many important resolutions, some of which affect the Colonial Laws Validity Act, reserving of Bills, and extra-territorial operation of Dominion legislation. These subjects have been referred by the Imperial Conference to a committee which, after consultation with the Dominions, will advise whether special legislation is necessary to give effect to the resolutions.

Other matters dealt with at the Imperial Conference are defined in a report of the proceedings which will be laid before you at an early date.