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THE Second Session of the Twenty-fourth 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,—

The financial and economic position of the Dominion having rendered necessary a special session of Parliament which concluded in May last, you have been summoned to meet again for the normal session on a date later this year than is customary.

During the recess I have taken the opportunity to visit various parts of the Dominion and to meet their inhabitants belonging to all classes and occupations. I desire to express my keen appreciation of the cordial welcome which they have everywhere extended to me as His Majesty's representative, and of the courageous and resourceful spirit with which they are facing the present economic crisis.

My Ministers have consistently held the view that an increase in inter-Empire trade must be of benefit to the peoples of the British Commonwealth, and accordingly they warmly welcomed the convening of the Imperial Economic Conference which met recently at Ottawa. At this Conference the Dominion was represented by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates and the Hon. W. Downie Stewart, and the results of its deliberations have been a matter of much satisfaction to the Government. Details of the agreements entered into at Ottawa will be laid before you for your consideration.

I have been happy to note indications that the depression from which New Zealand, in common with the whole world, has been suffering, is becoming less severe, and it is possible to hope for a return to prosperity at no distant date. At the same time, the Government are convinced that the existing economic disturbance can be overcome only by international action directed to the abolition of the numerous financial restrictions at present hampering world trade. My Ministers have therefore attached the