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THE Fourth 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 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

As this will be the last occasion upon which I shall have the privilege of addressing you in Parliament assembled, I desire to express to you, and through you, to persons of all classes and both races in this Dominion, my deep appreciation of the goodwill which has been consistently extended to me as the King's representative, and also to Lady Bledisloe, during our sojourn amongst you in a period of almost unprecedented economic adversity, and my earnest hopes for the future well-being of the people of this Dominion. We shall quit its shores with much reluctance and with many happy memories. I need hardly add that we shall not fail, after leaving a country in which we have experienced so much kindness, to grasp any opportunities which may hereafter present themselves to advance its welfare.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester will, with His Majesty's permission, be visiting New Zealand as the guest of my Government for a period of some five weeks from the 15th December next. I am confident that the people of the Dominion will, in pursuance of their steadfast loyalty to the Crown and their affection for His Majesty, accord to him a very hearty welcome.

My Ministers have followed the proceedings of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva with the closest interest and sympathy, and have consistently maintained their warm support of the cause of general disarmament and of the system of friendly collaboration in international affairs through the League of Nations. This policy they intend to continue.