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MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
COUNCIL,—

IN opening this, the first session of the third Provincial Council of Canterbury, it is my privilege to state to you that the general condition of the Province is eminently prosperous.

Commerce and agriculture are alike steadily advancing, while the products of our splendid natural pastures are rapidly swelling the value of our exports.

Our revenues are abundantly equal to the age and present necessities and engagements of the Province; indeed, at no period since the advent of the first settlers has there existed such just cause for present contentment, or such manifestly solid ground upon which to base calculations for the future.

The past year has added greatly to our scanty