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HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria directs it to be notified for general information that he has received the following cablegram from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

I am commanded by His Majesty the King to send you for immediate publication the following message, which is addressed to all the people of the Empire:—

“TO ALL MY PEOPLE :

“Tuesday next, 11th November, is the first anniversary of the Armistice which stayed the world-wide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of right and freedom. I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that great deliverance and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it.

“To afford an opportunity for the universal expression of this feeling, it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities. During that time, except in the rare cases where this may be impracticable, all work, all sound, and all locomotion should cease, so that in perfect stillness the thought of every one may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead.

“No elaborate organization appears to be necessary. At a given signal, which could be easily arranged to suit the circumstances of each locality, I believe that we shall all gladly interrupt our business and pleasure, whatever it may be, and unite in this simple service of silence and remembrance.

“GEORGE, R.I.”

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON,
Premier.

