

## THE ROYAL ASSENT

His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons being come with their Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934.

An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply.

An Act to amend the Salaries Act.

An Act relating to War Charities.

The Excess Profits Tax Act.

An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you in the name of His Majesty the King for the manner in which you have responded to the demands of this critical time. In enacting measures necessary for the defence of Canada you have performed a primary national obligation. In providing voluntarily for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain and France in a war to resist aggression, you have made a momentous decision. The promptness with which you have acted affords unmistakable evidence of the ability of a free people, through its representatives in a free Parliament, to meet the grave emergencies of war.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the appropriation you have made to meet the needs arising from the state of war.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The people of Canada will, I know, face the future with calm and resolute courage. The days of stress and strain, which lie ahead, cannot fail to prove a supreme test of national determination and endurance.

In bringing this special war session to its close, I pray that an all-wise Providence may guard and guide this land, united in an effort to do what lies within its power to help defend and preserve the liberties of mankind.