

You also enacted a separate measure respecting allowances for blind persons; as well as several measures extending the benefits of the Veterans Charter, and providing for an increase in pensions to certain groups of veterans and their dependents.

You authorized the provision of grants to universities and equivalent institutions of higher learning.

The requirement of the fiat in the case of Petitions of Right has been abolished.

The Indian Act was completely revised and the new legislation is now in operation. The Post Office Act was also extensively revised.

Other measures were enacted respecting grants to Municipalities; the regulation of consumer credit; the grading of dairy products; the construction of a railway from Sherridon to Lynn Lake in the Province of Manitoba; and the bequests of Laurier House and Kingsmere.

Among other measures, you amended the Canadian Citizenship Act; the Supreme Court Act; the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act; the Federal District Commission Act; the Dominion Elections Act; the Judges Act; the Northwest Territories Act; the Yukon Act; the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act; the National Housing Act; the Foreign Exchange Control Act; the Canadian Wheat Board Act; the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act; and the Criminal Code.

Your approval was given to agreements between Canada and France, and Canada and Sweden respecting Income Tax and to a convention between Canada and France respecting Succession duties.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public services and for defence obligations on a scale unprecedented in time of peace.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

Our people will, I am sure, continue to pray for the complete restoration of the health of the King and for the blessing of Divine Providence upon our nation and the forces of our own and other nations who are striving to maintain the rule of law in the relations between nations.

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate then said:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

It is the will and pleasure of the Honourable the Deputy Governor General that this Parliament be prorogued until a later hour this day, to be here holden; and this Parliament is prorogued accordingly.