

work has fallen. More progress is, however, required. My Ministers will propose a variety of measures which will further increase employment and raise the standard of living by strengthening and expanding the primary and secondary industries of Canada.

Comprehensive proposals to reform public regulation of the railways, and to facilitate the adaptation of the railway system to present and future needs, will be submitted for your consideration.

A measure will be placed before you to establish minimum wages, maximum working hours, statutory holidays and other labour standards for work under federal jurisdiction.

A measure will be placed before you to establish a comprehensive system of contributory pensions.

You will be asked to authorize, after consultation with the provinces, arrangements whereby university students requiring such assistance will be able to secure loans without payment of interest during the years of study.

Major amendments to the National Housing Act will be proposed.

You will be asked to approve the changes in fiscal arrangements with the provinces, decided upon at the Federal-Provincial Conference last November, which implement the principle of equalization in provincial revenues from the shared tax fields. It is my Ministers' policy to continue the series of federal-provincial conferences which last year achieved considerable progress in improving federal-provincial co-operation.

A measure will be placed before you to provide for a Minister responsible for Rural Development, in order that my Government may carry further its policy of giving increased attention to the needs of agriculture in both eastern and western Canada. You will be asked to consider other measures to assist in the improvement of farms and of farm income.

A measure will be placed before you to establish a twelve-mile limit for the use of Canadian fisheries. In co-operation with the provinces, my Government will undertake a national fisheries development programme reflecting the outcome of the Federal-Provincial Conference on Fisheries held last month.

You will be asked to consider measures to strengthen the position of periodicals published in Canada.

A measure to provide for the redistribution of electoral districts will be placed before you.

My Government intends to institute an inquiry to advise on the best practicable way to set enforceable limits to expenditures in election campaigns.

A measure to establish an age of retirement from the Senate will be placed before you.

You will be asked to consider amendments to the Citizenship Act which will ensure full equality of rights for all Canadian citizens wherever they were born.

You will be asked to consider measures to facilitate the reorganization of government in the interests of more effective and more efficient administration. In particular, a measure will be proposed to establish the Treasury Board under the presidency of a separate minister, who will devote his full attention to the increasingly urgent problems of the management of the public service and government expenditures. The President of the Treasury Board will be responsible for implementing other recommendations of the Royal Commission on Government Organization.

You will be asked to consider other legislative proposals.