

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

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"A comprehensive review of the provisions of the veterans' Land Act will be proposed and amendments to ensure that veteran farmers also can take greater advantage of modern agricultural practices. Amendments to the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act and the War Service Grants Act will also be recommended.

"My Government will recommend an amendment to the Federal-Provincial Tax Sharing Arrangements Act to extend for another year the increase made last year in the Provincial share of personal income tax revenue.

"My Government proposes that the entire subject of financial relations between the Dominion and the Provinces shall receive continued active co-operative study. All Provincial Governments are being asked to agree to the use, for this purpose, of the machinery of the existing Federal-Provincial Continuing Committee on Fiscal and Economic Matters working under the direction of a committee consisting of the Minister of Finance and all Provincial Treasurers.

"My Ministers will recommend to you action to alleviate the discriminatory effects of the recent horizontal increase in freight rates.

"Recommendations for a number of changes in the Criminal Code will be placed before you including some to strengthen the provisions respecting obscene literature.

"My Ministers will propose to you measures to revise the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act and to revise and consolidate the relevant pension provisions.

"You will be asked to approve a statute to authorize the appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of the Crown.

"My Government will put forward a resolution to establish a Joint Committee of both Houses to review the Indian Act and the administration of Indian affairs.

PERMANENT PENSIONS

"A recommendation will be placed before you for a statute to continue on a permanent basis the supplementary pensions for retired civil servants, members of the Armed Services and of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that were provided on an interim basis by an appropriation last year.

"My Ministers will recommend an increase in the total funds that may be expended under the Trans-Canada Highway Act.

"You will be asked to revise the Seeds Act, to approve and implement by statute an agreement with the Province of New Brunswick concerning Indian lands, and to extend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act for a further three years.

"You will also be asked to amend the Northwest Territories Act, the Public Lands Grants Act, the National Defence Act, the Defence

Services Pension Act, the Broadcasting Act, the Public Servants Inventions Act and certain other statutes.

"Members of the House of Commons,

"You will be invited to establish a special Committee of the House to review broadcasting policy and operations.

"It will be proposed that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections review the Elections Act in preparation for subsequent legislation.

"It will also be proposed that the question of ensuring the use of humane methods in the slaughtering of animals be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for consideration.

"You will be asked to appropriate the sums required for carrying on the government of Canada during the next fiscal year."

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MR. HEENEY TO WASHINGTON

The appointment has been announced of Mr. A.D.P. Heenev, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, as Canadian Ambassador to the United States, a post which he held from 1953 to April 1957. Mr. Heenev will go to Washington in February. He succeeds Mr. Norman Robertson who returned to Ottawa last October as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Heenev, a lawyer, joined the Office of the Prime Minister in 1938 as Principal Secretary and served as Secretary to the Cabinet War Committee, 1939-45. From 1940 to 1949 he was Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet. He accompanied the Prime Minister to the Quebec Conferences, 1943 and 1944, and to the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945, and also attended the Peace Conference, Paris, 1946.

Mr. Heenev joined the Department of External Affairs as Under-Secretary in 1949, and in 1952 was appointed Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation in Paris.

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TRADE FAIR IN WEST INDIES

Canada's trade fair was opened in Kingston, Jamaica, on January 16 in a blaze of glory by Sir Grantley Adams, Prime Minister of the West Indies, in the presence of distinguished citizens of the new Federation, now in its second year. Also on hand were members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Mission, the purpose of which is to develop closer relations between Canada and The West Indies, and to determine at first hand what problems are involved in expanding trade between the two countries.

The Canadian Government was represented by Mr. J. Angus MacLean, Minister of Fisheries,

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