

Governor General's Speech

An Act to amend The Excess Profits Tax Act, 1940.

An Act to amend The Dominion Succession Duty Act.

An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to enter into an Agreement with the Province of Alberta to amend the Agreement entered into with that Province under the authority of The Dominion-Provincial Taxation Agreement Act, 1942.

An Act respecting the Department of Reconstruction and Supply.

An Act to amend The Veterans' Land Act, 1942.

An Act to confer certain transitional powers upon the Governor in Council during the National Emergency arising out of the War.

An Act to amend The Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

An Act to amend The Foreign Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act to amend The National Housing Act, 1944.

An Act for Carrying into Effect the Agreements for an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

An Act to amend the Trust Companies Act.

An Act to provide Rehabilitation Allowances for Veterans.

An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

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

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1946.

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name His Honour, the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these bills:

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General as follows:

May it please Your Honour:

The Commons of Canada have voted supplies required to enable the government to defray certain expenses of the public service.

In the name of the commons, I present to Your Honour the following bill:

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1946.

To which bill I humbly request Your Honour's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General did thereupon say:

In His Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which His Honour the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the first session of the twentieth parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

More than three months have elapsed since the unconditional surrender of Japan, following upon the unconditional surrender of Germany, brought to an end a world war which has lasted for six years. But peace throughout the world had still to be attained. We are now passing through a period fraught with the inevitable difficulties and dislocations of a time of transition from war to peace. Efforts to establish an enduring peace must be the first concern of all nations.

An essential step towards world peace is the relief of human suffering occasioned by war and the restoration of the countries physically damaged by war. To that end, the further appropriations you have made for international relief and rehabilitation will be of the utmost service.

Canada's determination to do her full part in maintaining international peace and security has been expressed by the unanimous approval given by both Houses of Parliament to the Charter of the United Nations. A delegation, including members of both Houses, is at present in London attending the meetings of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Organization.

During October, after a brief conference at Washington with the President of the United States, my Prime Minister visited the United Kingdom for discussion with members of the British government and for consultation with Canadian representatives in Europe. Shortly thereafter the Prime Minister joined with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in conversations with President Truman at Washington on the subject of atomic energy. Their discussions resulted in an agreed Declaration. The initiative was thereby taken in an international effort to prevent the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes and to promote its use for the benefit of mankind. The approval you have given the declaration will further this initiative.

The visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Great Britain and his address to the members of both Houses of Parliament were deeply appreciated. The visit afforded opportunity for an expression of Canada's admiration for the spirit and resolution of the people of Britain in meeting the difficulties and privations of this post-war period.

Efforts to stimulate the expansion of external trade and the restoration of a world economy have been intensified. These ends will be greatly furthered by the vastly increased appropriations you have made for export credits to allied countries and by your approval of Canadian participation in the International