

Governor General's Speech

sound. The oversubscription of the national service loan manifests both the unity and patriotism of the people, and their supreme confidence in the financial strength of the Dominion. Canada still maintains its high place in world commerce. Within the last few months, a favourable balance of trade has been established. The provisions made at the last session of parliament for unemployment and farm relief are proving effective.

You are successfully meeting difficult domestic problems. Conditions are gradually improving. But prosperity in full measure must await the satisfactory adjustment of accounts between debtor and creditor nations of the world and the restoration of international monetary standards, from which the acute financial difficulties have compelled a temporary departure.

Since the last session of parliament my ministers have commenced negotiations with the government of the United States of America for the completion of the St. Lawrence waterway.

A commission has been appointed to inquire into the whole problem of transportation in Canada. My ministers expect that the report of the commission will be ready for submission to parliament during the present session.

My ministers have under consideration a commercial treaty with the Dominion of New Zealand.

A Canadian delegation is participating in the disarmament conference, which was opened at Geneva on the 2nd of February. I join with you in the prayer that the representatives of the nations there assembled may reach an understanding which will put beyond peril the cause of enduring world peace.

On the invitation of my government, an economic conference of members of the British commonwealth of nations will meet in Ottawa on July 18th next.

The Geneva Narcotics Convention of 1931, the Red Cross, Prisoners of War and other conventions, will be submitted for your approval.

Among the other measures to which your attention will be invited will be a bill relating to insurance and bills relating to patents and trade marks.

You will also be asked to consider bills to amend the Canada Shipping Act and the Fisheries Act.

Members of the House of Commons:

The public accounts for the last fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date. The estimates will conform to my ministers' determination to maintain a policy of rigid economy, consistent with the discharge of those statutory and contractual obligations, which is essential to the preservation of the integrity and credit of the Dominion.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I sincerely congratulate you on the fortitude and patience with which the people of Canada have borne the hardships of this period of depression and maintained their usual high regard for law and order. A sense of unity more abundantly prevails. The spirit of sympathetic cooperation has been strengthened. The Canadian people have united in the fight against adversity. Prosperity is their just

[Mr. Speaker.]

reward. I know it will be your privilege, by the unselfish and zealous discharge of your duties to hasten its return. May Divine Providence bless and guide you in your deliberations.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the select standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Rhodes, Duranleau, Simpson (Algoma West), Stewart (Edmonton West), and Casgrain.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council, appointing the Honourable E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance; the Honourable D. M. Sutherland, Minister of National Defence; the Honourable Alfred Duranleau, Minister of Marine and the Honourable T. G. Murphy, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the Sergeant-at-Arms, with my approval, has appointed Lieutenant J. L. Williams to be his deputy during the present session of parliament.

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BENNETT moved the adjournment of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask my right hon. friend if it is the intention to adjourn until to-morrow?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I assume that to-morrow will be devoted to further preliminaries, and that the debate on the address will be proceeded with on Monday?