

Prorogation of Parliament

You have also authorized measures which, with winter housing incentives and higher N.H.A. loans at reduced interest rates, have resulted in a record number of homes now being under construction.

You have also authorized an experimental program to encourage the employment and training of older workers who have been without work.

You have amended the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act to give increased support to the construction of training facilities and the provision of training both in industry and to the unemployed.

You have enacted the Maritime Transportation Unions Trustees Act with the object of restoring democratic trade unionism in the shipping industry and putting an end to labour strife on the great lakes.

You have provided for raising to \$75 a month the pensions paid to Canadians from age 70 under the Old Age Security Act, and for likewise increasing by \$10 a month the benefits to which the federal

government contributes under the joint welfare programs for old age assistance and for blindness and disability allowances.

Other measures enacted at this session include the Dissolution and Annulment of Marriages Act and amendments to the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, the Small Business Loans Act, and other legislation.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public services in the current fiscal year.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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May divine Providence continue to bless our country.

This concluded the first session of the twenty sixth parliament.