

You have enacted a measure to establish a labour code for industries under federal jurisdiction. The code provides for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour and for standards respecting hours of work and holidays.

The cash income of Canadian farmers rose in 1964 to a record level. Exports of wheat were the largest ever. Revisions in dairy policy were reflected in increased production, especially of cheese, better sales and prices, and the elimination of the butter surplus.

You have enacted a measure establishing a new type of farm credit, so that partnerships of farmers may borrow for the purchase of machinery to be used co-operatively.

You have enacted legislation to double the size of loans which may be made by the Farm Credit Corporation and of loans by chartered banks guaranteed under the Farm Improvement Loans Act.

You have adopted a measure whereby my Government may provide re-insurance of the major portion of the disaster risk to any province establishing a crop insurance programme.

You have approved increased assistance to farmers in eastern Canada and British Columbia purchasing feed grains.

My Government is expanding the work of ARDA and has made with the provinces a new agreement respecting programmes for the five years beginning 1 April, 1965.

You have approved an increase in Canada's contribution to the World Food Programme.

In 1964 Canada's fisheries established records both in the quantities landed and the value of the catch to fishermen. A federal-provincial conference on fisheries development gave impetus to a widespread programme of industrial development in the fisheries.

You have adopted a measure establishing a twelve-mile fishing zone.

You have approved increases in veterans' pensions and allowances, enabling their recipients to maintain their standards of living and to share in the benefits of a more buoyant economy.

By amending the National Housing Act you have broadened the range of financial assistance available for urban renewal and low-rental housing.

My Government has concluded an agreement with the United States respecting free trade in automobiles and their components. The agreement makes possible for the industry programmes designed to achieve substantial improvements in efficiency, production and employment.

You have approved the payment of subvention assistance on the movement of Canadian coal for a period of five years from 1 April 1965, and have authorized loans for coal production assistance for a further period of four years.

You have enacted legislation whereby divorce Bills can be dealt with more expeditiously.

My Government has initiated inquiries directed to the re-assessment of immigration policy and procedures.

My Ministers have made further progress in the study and implementation of many of the recommendations and suggestions of the Royal Commission on Government Organization.