

"In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bills:—

"An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1930, and the 31st March, 1931."

"An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1931."

"To which Bills I humbly request Your Excellency's Assent."

To these Bills the Clerk of the Senate, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to these Bills."

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In bringing the present session to a close, I desire to congratulate you upon the expedition with which Parliament has conducted its proceedings, and upon the extent and importance of the legislative enactments of the session. Matters which have been the subject of long-standing controversy have been successfully adjusted. In several other directions legislation of far-reaching significance has been enacted.

It is a source of particular satisfaction that the public accounts of the fiscal year recently ended again disclose a large surplus and that it has again been possible to effect further material reductions in taxation, as well as a further reduction in the national debt.

Especially gratifying is the fact that, in continuance of the policy of endeavouring to remove all substantial difficulties in the relations between the Dominion and the Provinces, a settlement of the long-standing controversies respecting the Natural Resources of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta has been effected. The several agreements have received your approval, as well as the approval of the Provincial Legislatures. Approval has also been given to the agreement reached with the Province of British Columbia concerning the restoration to the province of the lands comprising what is known as the railway belt and Peace River block.

The recommendations of the Royal Commission on Maritime Claims have been further implemented by the legislation which has been enacted with respect to the coal and iron and steel industries.

Extensive and comprehensive revisions have been made in the Customs Tariff with a view to bringing certain schedules more into line with modern business requirements, and existing economic conditions. Material and broad extensions have been made in the British Preferential Tariff schedules, as well as other adjustments which it is believed will serve to promote a larger measure of reciprocal trade between the component parts of the British Empire and with other countries.

The interest which has been evinced during the session in all matters affecting ex-service men demonstrates once more that Canada stands in the forefront in continued appreciation of her soldier-citizens and their dependents. The legislation providing allowances for veterans who may be unemployable as a