

An Act respecting the protection and conservation of the forests on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains.

An Act to provide superannuation benefits for senior appointees of the Department of External Affairs serving outside Canada.

An Act respecting certain National Parks and to amend the National Parks Act.

An Act to provide for privileges and immunities in respect of the United Nations and related international organizations.

An Act respecting The Canada Permanent Trust Company.

An Act to amend the Prisons and Reformatories Act.

An Act to establish a benevolent fund from army canteen and other service funds.

An Act respecting the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited.

An Act to amend the Trust Companies Act.

An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.

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

An Act respecting the refunding and adjustment of indebtedness of the four Western provinces to the Government of Canada in respect of certain outstanding loans for relief and other purposes and final settlement of the claims of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in respect of natural resources.

An Act respecting The Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Yellowknife Telephone Company.

An Act to provide for the alteration of His Majesty's Royal Style and Titles.

An Act to authorize the Government of Canada to enter into agreements with the governments of the provinces pursuant to which, in return for compensation, the provinces agree to refrain from levying certain taxes for a limited period.

An Act to amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936.

An Act to amend the Militia Pension Act (Disablement Pension).

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to readjust the representation in the House of Commons.

An Act to extend the term of office of a Transport Commissioner.

An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Labrador.

An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1948.

After which the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to close the Third Session of the Twentieth Parliament of Canada with the following Speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The restoration of peace and world recovery have not proceeded as speedily as had been hoped for. Failure to conclude peace settlements with Germany and Austria has complicated the political and economic situation, not only in Europe, but throughout the world. Several countries, including Canada, have approved treaties of peace with Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland.

In Europe, the delay in the re-establishment of industries has continued to affect adversely the balance of foreign trade and of international payment. The severe winter and the shortage of necessities, particularly of food, have added to human suffering, and aggravated the problems of relief and rehabilitation.

Unsettled world conditions have been reflected in many of the measures you have been called upon to consider at the session now being concluded.

On June 30, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration came to an end. The need for relief, however, has not ended. In recognition of this need, parliament has made a substantial appropriation for the purchase of food and other essentials of life required by peoples of war-devastated lands. Parliament has also approved Canadian membership in the International Refugee Organization.

Canada is participating fully in the activities of the Economic and Social Council, the Atomic Energy Commission, and other agencies of the United Nations. Our country is also effectively represented at the International Conference on Trade and Employment at Geneva.

As a result of the deliberations of a special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, a committee, on which Canada is represented, was created to prepare a report on Palestine.

An important feature of the session has been the removal, in an orderly manner, of the majority of controls and restrictions in force during and immediately after the war. To guard against sudden and excessive increases in the cost of living, and for other reasons, certain emergency orders and regulations have been continued for a further transitional period.

Another important development has been the action taken to encourage immigration. The government's policy involves the careful selection of immigrants and adjustment of their numbers to the absorptive capacity of the country. Practical steps have also been taken to relieve the lot of many displaced persons and refugees.

Notwithstanding the unsettled conditions abroad, employment and national income at home have remained at high levels. The demand for the products of our primary industries has, in almost all cases, been sustained. Towards stabilizing the incomes of those engaged in agriculture, measures relating to the Canadian Wheat Board, and to the sale and export of certain other agricultural products have been enacted. The Fisheries Prices Support Act is being brought into operation. The maintenance of our prosperity will increasingly depend upon how conditions develop in other parts of the world.

In the past few months, in most industries, Canada has fortunately enjoyed a relatively wide measure of industrial peace. Preliminary consideration has been given in parliament to an important measure to provide more effective machinery for the settlement of industrial disputes and the adjustment of differences between employers and employees. A similar measure will be introduced at the next session.

The government has continued to give constant attention to meeting the need for housing. To this end, substantial amendments have been made to the National Housing Act.

A further measure of social security has been provided by important amendments to the Old Age Pensions Act. Increases have been