

which have resulted in efforts to effect a new agreement on a broad and comprehensive basis. It is hoped that negotiations may so progress as to render it possible to submit the new agreement to parliament, for its consideration, during the present session.

With a number of other countries, adjustments have been made, during the past year, in our commercial relations in order to facilitate a wider exchange of commodities.

The government is convinced that, in seeking to cooperate with the United Kingdom and other countries in efforts to promote international trade, it is pursuing one of the most effective means of ensuring economic security and progress in Canada, and the betterment of conditions in other parts of the world.

Members of the House of Commons:

The public accounts of the last fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of bills, until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ACCESSION TO THE THRONE

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received a communication from His Majesty King George VI, signed by his own hand, as follows:

Buckingham Palace.

Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada.

I thank you most sincerely for the assurances of loyalty and support contained in the address which you have presented to me upon the occasion of my accession to the throne. It is the dearest wish of The Queen and myself that our reign may be marked, under Divine Providence, by the blessings of peace and by a steady advancement in the welfare and prosperity of all our peoples; and in our labours to this end we shall be strengthened and encouraged by the prayers and goodwill of the Canadian parliament and people.

George R.I.

12th April, 1937.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS CORONATION

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have a communication

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from His Majesty King George VI, signed by his own hand, as follows:

Buckingham Palace.

Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada:

It is with feelings of deep gratitude that I acknowledge the message of loyalty and congratulation conveyed in your address of the 10th April which was presented to me by my Prime Minister of Canada on the 11th May.

The assurances of loyalty and devotion addressed to us on that occasion will always be an encouragement to The Queen and myself in the performance of our high task.

We were glad to know that the Speakers of your two houses were present at the solemn ceremony of our coronation. The participation in that ceremony of representatives from our overseas dominions fittingly marked the position of the crown as symbolising the unity and free association of the peoples of the British Commonwealth.

Throughout our reign it will be our constant aim to cherish and maintain, to the best of our powers, the heritage of justice, civil liberty, and ordered freedom which we have received from those who in past generations helped to build up this association of nations; and we rejoice to know that in our endeavours to promote, under Divine guidance, the welfare and happiness of our peoples, we shall be supported by the prayers and affection of the people of Canada.

George R.I.

29th June, 1937.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee consisting of Messrs. Casselman, Gray, Mackenzie (Vancouver), Power and Woodsworth, be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house, under standing order 63.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(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 T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, the Right Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, and the Honourable W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, 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, intituled An Act Respecting the House of Commons.