

Prorogation of Parliament

indebtedness incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1950, and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.

An act to amend the Judges Act, 1946.

An act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938.

An act to amend the statute law.

An act to incorporate the Association of Kinsmen Clubs.

An act to amend the Canada-United States of America Tax Convention Act, 1943, and the Canada-United States of America Tax Convention Act, 1944.

An act to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act.

An act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 1934.

An act to amend the Official Secrets Act.

An act respecting the national film board.

An act to amend the Prisons and Reformatories Act.

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name the Deputy Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed the Deputy Governor General as follows:

May it please Your Honour:

The Commons of Canada have voted supplies required to enable the government to defray certain expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Honour the following bill:

An act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1951.

To which bill I humbly request Your Honour's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Deputy Governor General, did thereupon say:

In His Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

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After which the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the second session of the twenty-first parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The North Atlantic council has made a significant forward step by the formulation of the principle of balanced collective forces as the basis of the defence of the Atlantic community. The government welcomes the decision to have deputies of the foreign ministers appointed to maintain continuity in the work of the council.

In order to further the economic co-operation of north Atlantic nations, Canada, along with the United States, has accepted an invitation to become associated on an informal basis with the work of the organization for European economic co-operation.

Canada was also represented at the commonwealth meeting held in Australia to consider the means of assisting in the economic development of south and southeast Asia.

The United Nations has recently been called upon to deal with a serious threat to peace in Korea. Though the situation emphasizes the grave concern which has long been felt over the failure of the security council to arrange for the provision of forces to implement its decisions in such cases, the prompt and energetic measures taken by individual members on its behalf and in conformity with its resolutions to restore and maintain peace in that area have met with general approval in all the free nations and will, I am sure, dispose them all to supply such form and degree of co-operation as may be required.

The government remains convinced that until there is genuine good will among all nations, the maintenance of peace will continue to depend upon the unity and strength of the free nations.

The government is continuing to give close attention to the development of our defence forces. Measures have been enacted to provide for the consolidation of existing legislation with respect to the armed forces including a purely Canadian disciplinary code; and to provide for the procurement of munitions and defence supplies. The government was gratified by the announcement of the United States government that a program for the purchase of defence supplies in Canada on a reciprocal basis was being developed for the year beginning on July 1.

Our external trade remains at a high level despite difficulties arising out of the world-wide shortage of United States dollars which continues to affect overseas markets for certain of our export products. My ministers are giving constant attention to the removal of obstacles to the free flow of trade between our country and our traditional customers overseas.

Satisfactory discussions have been held with the government of the United Kingdom concerning the sale of wheat after the completion of the present contract.

A measure has been enacted to bring the powers of the Canadian wheat board into conformity with the provisions of the international wheat agreement.

You have renewed the Agricultural Products Act and have provided legislative authority for continuing the support of prices of agricultural and fishery products where such support may be required to reduce the impact of price adjustments.

Legislation was enacted early in the session to bring additional workers under the protection of the Unemployment Insurance Act and the protection itself was extended by supplementary winter benefits.

A joint committee of both houses of parliament has examined carefully the whole question of security for the aged with a view to providing an essential background of informed opinion in advance of the forthcoming general conference of the federal and provincial governments.

During the session agreements were concluded with several of the provincial governments to implement the legislation with respect to housing and also the legislation with respect to a transcontinental highway enacted at the last session.

The Niagara diversion treaty between Canada and the United States to provide for the permanent regulation of the diversion of water from the Niagara river for hydroelectric power has been approved and it is the hope of the government that, in the interests of both countries, it will receive the early approval of the Senate of the United States.

A uniform and systematic procedure has been provided for the publication and tabling in parliament of regulations and orders made by the governor in council or ministers or other agents of the crown in the exercise of powers conferred by