

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council in respect to unemployment and farm relief, and the maintenance of peace, order and good government in Canada.

An Act respecting the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited.

An Act to declare certain works of the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, to be for the general advantage of Canada.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932.

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 of His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed the Deputy of His Excellency the 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 for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932.

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

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

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

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the second session of the seventeenth parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I desire to thank you for the diligence and efficiency with which you have discharged your duties during the present session of Parliament.

The development of Canadian industry and agriculture has been further promoted through the measures you have enacted.

A Tariff Board has been created, one of the functions of which will be to aid in the stabilization of trade and the establishment of an equitable relationship between the costs of production and consumption.

The changes provided for in the system of government accounting will, it is believed, make for greater simplicity and more effective control over the finances of the country.

The measures granting assistance to the wheat producer, and for the distribution of coal will do much to assist those industries.

Among other important measures enacted were Bills respecting: Copyright; Canadian National Railway Company; Pensions; Soldiers Settlement; Consolidated Revenue and Audit; Vocational Education; The Royal Canadian Mint; Old Age Pensions.

Approval has been given the proposed measure of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to be known as the Statute of Westminster, and His Majesty The King has been humbly petitioned to cause it to be laid before that Parliament. Prior to such approval being given, delegates of my Government and of all the Provinces of Canada at the invitation of my Prime Minister, met at Ottawa and approved for insertion in the proposed measure a clause defining the rights of the Dominion and Provinces in respect to its provisions.

The commercial agreement negotiated with the Commonwealth of Australia and ratified by Parliament will, I confidently believe, be of advantage to both our countries. This agreement manifests the desire of my government to enter into similar trade agreements with other parts of the Empire.

The Imperial Economic Conference, adjourned last November to reassemble at Ottawa during the latter part of the current year, has been postponed because of circumstances which prevented the representation at the conference of all the dominions of the Empire. It is confidently believed that when this conference reassembles, an Empire trade agreement of advantage to all its parts may be consummated.

The Conversion Loan of 1931, through which there was reinvested in securities of the Dominion of Canada a sum of approximately six hundred and forty million dollars, affords striking proof of the confidence of the general public in the financial strength of the country.

As a result of the Parliamentary inquiry into the operations of the Beauharnois Power Corporations, measures have been enacted to secure the public interest against harmful exploitation of our natural resources and to safeguard the rights of bona fide investors.

Since you entered upon the duties of the session, the world-wide depression in economic conditions has grown more acute, and the consequent state of unemployment and distress in many parts of the country has been intensified through the partial failure of the wheat crop of western Canada. To augment existing relief measures, the Governor-in-Council has been empowered to take the necessary action to provide the maximum of employment and to aid, by such means as may be deemed expedient, the recovery from the adverse conditions arising primarily from the crop failure.

The great powers of Europe and America, following the generous and constructive action of the President of the United States of America, which Canada whole-heartedly endorses, are unitedly striving for the re-establishment of better world conditions. Towards this purpose we may now effectively contribute, by steadfastly bending ourselves to the task of freeing Canada from the consequences of this universal state of economic depression and of the particular misfortune which has befallen the West; so that this country may be ready to take its place in the forefront of the world's recovery.