

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.”

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

“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 Excellency 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, 1938.

“To which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency’s Assent.”

To this Bill 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 this Bill.”

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

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I desire to express my appreciation of the care and expedition with which you have conducted the proceedings of the session of Parliament now being concluded. The close and continuous attention given your parliamentary duties is reflected in the number and importance of the measures enacted.

The widespread and substantial improvement in economic conditions is evidence of continued progress towards national recovery. Export trade exceeds in value that of any year since 1929. Expansion in employment is now accompanied by a pronounced decrease in the number of persons on relief.

Convinced that recovery is dependent upon the development of trade, my Ministers have pursued their efforts to negotiate Agreements with countries willing to trade with Canada on a reciprocal basis.

The Trade Agreement concluded between Canada and the United Kingdom has received your approval, and effect has been given to the changes in the customs tariff for which it made provision. Ensuring as it does a freer exchange of commodities, through a lowering of trade barriers, the new Agreement will, it is believed, bring substantial benefits to producers and consumers alike. It will serve as well to strengthen understanding and goodwill between the United Kingdom and the Dominion.

Approval has also been given to a Trade Agreement with Uruguay and to a Provisional Trade Agreement with Germany. Progress has been made in negotiations with the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the revision of the existing Agreement with that country.

Special provision has been made for the promotion of the sale of farm products.

Appropriate action has been taken to give effect to Conventions between Canada and the United States for the preservation of the Sockeye Salmon and Pacific Halibut fisheries.