

An Act to provide for the Superannuation of Civil Servants.

An Act to amend The Bank Act.

An Act to amend the Immigration Act.

An Act to change the name of La Banque d'Hochelaga to 'Banque Canadienne Nationale.'

An Act to amend The Feeding Stuffs Act.

An Act to amend The Inland Water Freight Rates Act, 1923.

An Act to amend The Fisheries Act, 1914.

An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, to give effect to certain Draft Conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations.

An Act to amend The Customs Act.

An Act to amend the Indian Act.

An Act respecting the Toronto Terminals Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of Canada.

An Act to amend the Winding-up Act.

An Act to amend The Department of Customs and Excise Act.

The Research Council Act.

An Act to amend The Fisheries Act, 1914.

An Act to provide for further advances to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners.

An Act to amend the Montreal Harbour Commissioners Act, 1894.

An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act.

An Act to amend the Expropriation Act.

An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

An Act to amend The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Act.

An Act respecting Quartz Mining in the Yukon Territory.

An Act to amend The Bank Act by changing the name of La Banque d'Hochelaga to "Banque Canadienne Nationale."

An Act respecting the Construction of a Canadian National Railway Line from the end of the China Clay Branch to St. Rémi d'Amherst, in the Province of Quebec.

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

An Act to amend The Criminal Code (Evidence as to Games of Chance).

An Act for the relief of Charles Dawson Carlyle.

An Act for the relief of Elgin Caughey.

An Act for the relief of Florence Ethel Armstrong.

An Act to amend the Militia Act.

An Act to amend the Pension Act.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1925.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the third Session of the Fourteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following Speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate::

Members of the House of Commons:

I am glad to be able to relieve you of the parliamentary duties to which, for some months past, you have given such constant and close attention. In bringing to a conclusion the proceedings of the present session, may I express my pleasure at the degree to which you have realized the hopes set forth in my address at the reassembling of Parliament in February last.

It is deeply gratifying to be able to record that, for the first time since the outbreak of war, the national Budget has been balanced, and the relation

between revenue and expenditure such as to justify an immediate reduction of taxation.

The lowering of the Sales Tax and the increase in the number of commodities exempted therefrom should serve to reduce in appreciable measure the cost of living and prove beneficial to trade.

The substantial lessening of the burdens of customs taxation effected by a downward revision of the tariff upon the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion cannot fail to aid materially in agricultural and industrial development, and, through cheapened production, also to effect a diminution in the cost of living.

The task of readjusting the representation of the people in the House of Commons, under the provisions of the British North America Act, has been accomplished with comparatively little disturbance of existing electoral divisions in most of the Provinces. The readjustment will considerably increase the representation of the middle West. The desire to effect an equitable redistribution has, I believe, been realized, and the manner in which this difficult task has been accomplished will, I feel sure, meet with the approval of the electorate.

It is satisfactory to observe that, as the co-ordination of the Canadian National Railway lines and facilities becomes increasingly effective, the prospects grow brighter for the success of this great national undertaking. To facilitate the construction of much-needed branch lines, legislation has been enacted to authorize the construction of certain mileage over a term of years. This statutory provision should enable the management to plan its construction programme definitely and economically. While the programme of railroad construction contemplated by the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways has been curtailed, the construction of the branch lines for which provision has been made should assist in relieving in part the difficulties experienced by settlers in sections of the country which these lines will serve, and in accelerating the movement of new settlers to the land.

Among many other important measures, provision has been made for the investigation and study of tariff problems and other forms of taxation by expert advisers of the Government, and for the consolidation of the revenue-collecting services under one administrative head. These enactments should materially aid in simplifying and improving the present methods of taxation, and effect a substantial saving.

To existing safeguards for the public in banking operations has been added provision for government inspection of the chartered banks.

Important trade agreements, mutually beneficial, have been made with Belgium and the Netherlands. Other treaties, aiming at the suppression of smuggling operations, have been negotiated between Canada and the United States. To safeguard the interests of children and young persons in maritime transport, adherence has been given by Canada to certain draft conventions of the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations. At the moment our country is being represented at the Inter-Allied Conference in London by an honourable member of this parliament. We fervently share the hope of all the countries there represented that the deliberations of this important body may aid in the speedy improvement of European conditions and relations.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you, in His Majesty's name, for the provision you have made for the public service.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

For the peace and plenty which our land to-day enjoys, and for the promise of increasing prosperity, I join with you in humble thanksgiving to Divine Providence.