

In Korea it has not yet been possible to bring about an armistice but negotiations with this end in view are still going on. Canadian forces together with their comrades from other of the United Nations are giving distinguished service in that unhappy land.

A formation from the Canadian Army now forms an effective part of the integrated force of the North Atlantic Alliance in Europe and further elements of the Royal Canadian Air Force are progressively being despatched overseas. Amendments to legislation relating to our armed forces will be submitted for your approval.

Your approval will also be sought for a further Canadian contribution to the Colombo Plan and for technical assistance to under-developed areas.

A Japanese Peace Treaty has been signed and will be submitted for your consideration.

At home our economy remains very buoyant. External trade and capital investment have reached record levels. Generally speaking employment remains at a high level. Inflationary pressures are still being strongly felt and require the maintenance of anti-inflationary measures.

Unfortunately foot and mouth disease has appeared in cattle in a small area in Saskatchewan. Immediate steps have been taken to limit the affected area, eradicate the disease and meet the situation resulting from the embargo under United States law on exports of livestock and meat to that country.

A Board of Engineers has been established to prepare an application for submission to the International Joint Commission concerning the development of hydro-electric power in the International section of the St. Lawrence river.

As a measure designed to assist in the development of our natural resources you will be asked to consider legislation to enable the Canadian National Railways to construct a branch line between Terrace and Kitimat in British Columbia.

You will be asked to consider legislation to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act 1946 and the Veterans Benefit Act 1951.

A Bill to revise the Immigration Act will be placed before you. If that Bill can be finally dealt with during the present session, related amendments to the Canadian Citizenship Act will be submitted.

You will be asked to approve a Bill to authorize the Federal Government to enter into new Tax Rental Agreements with the Provinces.

You will be invited to consider a measure to provide for the readjustment of representation in the House of Commons.

You will be asked to consider a complete revision of the Criminal Code prepared by a Commission which has been engaged on this project for the past three years.

A bill will be introduced to authorize certain preparatory steps in connection with the establishment of a National Library.

A bill will also be presented respecting Trade Marks.

Other measures to be introduced will be amendments to the Food and Drugs Act; the Canada Grain Act; the Cold Storage Act; the Canadian Farm Loan Act; the Civil Service Superannuation Act; the Currency Act; the Canada Shipping Act; the Northwest Territories Act; the Aeronautics Act; the Radio Act; the Government Employees Compensation Act 1947 and the Unemployment Insurance Act 1940.