

Prorogation of Parliament

An act for the relief of Jeanne Robert Hotte.
 An act for the relief of Heneault Champagne.
 An act for the relief of Leopold Ruel.
 An act to provide diplomatic and consular immunities for commonwealth representatives in Canada.

An act respecting the construction of lines of railway by Canadian National Railway Company from St. Felicien to Chibougamau and from Chibougamau to Beattyville, all in the province of Quebec, and from Hillsport on the main line of the Canadian National Railways to Manitouwadge lake, both in the province of Ontario.

An act respecting criminal law.
 An act to amend the Customs Tariff.
 An act to amend the National Harbours Board Act.

An act to amend the Criminal Code (race meetings).

An act respecting banks and banking.
 An act to amend the Income Tax Act.
 An act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways system during the calendar year 1954, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.

An act to incorporate Canadian Slovak League.
 An act to provide for allowances for disabled persons.

An act to amend the Pipe Lines Act.
 An act to repeal the National Physical Fitness Act.

An act to amend the Judges Act.
 An act respecting benefits for members of the Canadian forces.

An act to amend the Excise Tax Act.
 An act respecting extra-provincial motor vehicle transport.

An act to amend the Pension Act.
 An act to amend the Atomic Energy Control Act.
 An act to amend the Veterans' Land Act.
 An act to amend the Public Service Superannuation Act.

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

In Her Majesty's name, the Honourable 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 Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1955.

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 Her Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks her 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 first session of the

twenty-second parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

As I bring the present session to a close, the political tension throughout the world is a grim reminder that the first concern of the government must be the maintenance of the necessary strength to deter aggression while we continue to strive for the establishment of peace in the world.

Our country is meeting every commitment we have made for our national defence and for international projects for relief, rehabilitation, technical assistance and the economic advancement of other peoples materially less fortunate than our own.

Our external trade continues at a high level. Although there is still in western Canada a huge volume of wheat resulting from three successive record crops, our grain exports continue to exceed the ten year average.

You have approved a trade agreement with Japan designed to assist in developing our growing trade with that country. Trade agreements have also been concluded, for the first time, with Spain and Portugal which, with improved arrangements with Italy and Brazil, should assist us in the recovery of historic markets in those countries.

In recognition of the growing importance of our northern territories, you enacted legislation establishing the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

We all rejoiced at the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which removed the last serious legal obstacle to the development of the St. Lawrence project and which now clears the way for actual construction of both the navigation facilities and the power installations.

The Pipe Lines Act was amended to give jurisdiction to the board of transport commissioners over all companies authorized to construct or operate interprovincial or international oil or gas pipe lines and most of the difficulties in the way of the building of a pipe line to transport natural gas from Alberta to Ontario and Quebec have been overcome.

You enacted a measure to authorize the Canadian National Railway Company to extend its lines in northern Quebec and northern Ontario.

The National Housing Act was revised and provision made to increase and broaden the supply of mortgage money so that more people with moderate incomes would be able to find facilities to assist them in building their own homes.

As required by law you made the decennial revision of the Bank Act at the present session and extended the charters of the eleven chartered banks for a period of ten years. Among the amendments made were those which permit a bank to make loans on the security of insured mortgages and to make small loans on the security of household goods and chattels. The Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act were also revised.

In further recognition of the services of Canada's veterans of two world wars and of Korea you have made amendments to the War Service Grants Act; the Veterans Land Act; and the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act; the Veterans Benefit Act; and the Pension Act.

You enacted a measure to provide for a federal contribution to the payment in co-operation with the provincial governments of pensions to disabled persons in need over the age of eighteen years. This legislation is a further instalment in the long-range social security program of the government.

During this session you completed the revision of the Criminal Code.