

Grain Act. A Bill will be presented for the consolidation of the Canada Grain Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Agriculture at the last session.

At the September meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations, the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court, providing for the submission of justiciable disputes to arbitration, was signed on behalf of Canada and all the other nations of the British Commonwealth. It will be submitted for your approval.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Imperial Conference of 1926, a conference was held in London during the past autumn to consider and report on certain phases of the operation of Dominion legislation and merchant shipping. The report of this conference will be submitted.

In the summer of last year, an invitation was extended by His Majesty's Government in Canada to all His Majesty's other Governments to participate in an Imperial Economic Conference in Canada at the earliest possible date. It was found that the convenience of the majority of the Governments could best be met by an arrangement to hold the Imperial Economic Conference along with the Imperial Conference in London in the early autumn of the present year. This has accordingly been arranged.

Canada, in common with the other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, is participating in the Conference on the Limitation of Naval Armament, which was opened in London by His Majesty on January 21st. It is confidently hoped that the discussions so auspiciously begun will result in a marked lessening of international rivalries and the growth of security and good-will.

The eligibility of women for appointment to the Senate of Canada has been declared by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and I have been pleased, on the advice of my Ministers, to avail myself of the earliest opportunity to summon a woman to the Senate. For the first time in Canadian history, women have been accorded an equal right with men to representation in both Houses of Parliament.

Among other measures to which your attention will be invited are amendments to the Elections Act, the Bankruptcy Act, the Companies Act, and the Criminal Code.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The Public Accounts of the last fiscal year and the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In again inviting your careful consideration to the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may continue to guide and bless your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King (Prince Albert), it was ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of bills, until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King (Prince Albert), a Special Committee was appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 63, said Committee to be composed of Messrs.: King (Kootenay East), Stewart (Edmonton West), Casgrain, Hanson and Stewart (Leeds).