

observations of a pessimist, for my outlook has always been that of an optimist as to the future both of the country and of the party with which I am associated.

On behalf of my associates and myself I thank the prime minister for the kindly observations he has made. It has been a real pleasure to endeavour to assist those who are charged for the moment with responsibility, and to offer such knowledge as experience has brought to one who has been in public life for a long time. The duties of a leader of the opposition were best described, I think, by the late Marquis of Salisbury, who said: The people have decided that the policies and the administration of the late government did not meet with their approval.

A new government has come into office. It is the duty of every one of us to adapt himself to the new conditions in so far as may be possible without the sacrifice of principle, and to aid those charged for the moment with responsibility for the administration of the country's affairs, with all the knowledge and experience and wisdom which this house possesses. For even then the collective wisdom of two hundred and forty-five members does not do more than ample justice to the demands made upon the House of Commons at the present time. I do feel certain that an earnest effort has been made to put upon the statute books legislation, whether affecting trade and commerce, the administration of laws, or the domestic happiness and contentment of the people, which will inure to their benefit, and make this country ever more prosperous, ever greater, expanding always—the oldest and in point of fact the richest and most important of those great nations which with the motherland constitute the British Empire.

Motion agreed to.

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 9 p.m. this day.

The house resumed at 9 o'clock.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the senate chamber.

In the senate chamber, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

BILLS ASSENTED TO

An Act for the protection of the Dionne Quintuplets.

An Act to repeal the Biological Board Act and to create The Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

An Act respecting the establishment of a National Park in the Province of New Brunswick and to amend The Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island National Parks Act, 1936.

An Act to authorize an agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

An Act to amend the Department of National Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.

An Act to revive and amend The Business Profits War Tax Act, 1916.

An Act respecting a certain Trade Agreement between Canada and Uruguay.

An Act for the relief of Clara Emily Taylor Elkin.

An Act for the relief of Yetta Ginsburg.

An Act for the relief of Marguerite Emily Coombe Low.

An Act for the relief of Mary May Rowell Thom.

An Act for the relief of Eva Josephine Millicent Good Ross.

An Act for the relief of Eva Schiller Lightstone.

An Act for the relief of Ruth Jessica Kimp-ton Shiells.

An Act for the relief of Grace Ellen Doris Newman.

An Act for the relief of Gretna Golden Laird Rankin.

An Act for the relief of Frank Horace Wood.

An Act for the relief of Edith Mary Bowers-Hill O'Hagan.

An Act for the relief of Isobel Jean Herbert Fleming Johnson.

An Act for the relief of Emilie Letsch Rutishauser.

An Act for the relief of Miriam Silverman.

An Act for the relief of Alice Mary Hickman Ings.

An Act for the relief of Norah Clara Simson Warden.

An Act for the relief of Muriel Beatrice Brown Gray.

An Act for the relief of Joseph Gédéon Emilien Tanguay.

An Act for the relief of Mabel Marjorie Powter Johnston.

An Act for the relief of Evelyn McCaughan McBride.

An Act for the relief of Marie Liette Fortier Mickles.

An Act for the relief of Cecile Snyder Rashback.

An Act to amend the Customs Act.

An Act respecting Foreign Enlistment.

An Act to incorporate Trans-Canada Air Lines.

An Act respecting Department of Transport Stores.

An Act to Control and Regulate the Sale of Feeding Stuffs.

An Act respecting the Testing, Inspection and Sale of Seeds.

An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

An Act respecting a certain Convention between Canada and the United States of America, for the preservation of the Halibut Fishery of