

*Speech from the Throne*

of the construction of the main dam intended to create a great reservoir in the heart of the prairie in order to further the productive development of this part of Canada.

The easing of the stringency in the capital markets of Canada during the past eight months encourages confidence in the expectation that large programs of public investment can be successfully financed not only by my government and its agencies but also by provincial governments and municipalities. My ministers remain mindful of the importance of financing their large program of expenditures in such manner as will best safeguard against a recurrence of inflationary dangers in future. They wish to urge upon all groups in our society a recognition of the dangers and inequities of inflation and the need to restrain demands which will give rise to increases in prices and the costs of production.

The improvements in our financial relations with the provinces made by the last parliament are having a beneficial effect upon our economy by making it possible for provincial governments and their municipalities to proceed with greater confidence upon expanded programs of necessary services and works.

There will be placed before you a proposal to establish a new agency to regulate broadcasting in Canada and to ensure that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the privately owned broadcasting stations work effectively together to constitute a national system to provide satisfactory television and radio services to all Canadians within reach. Related amendments to the Radio Act will also be proposed.

To promote and guide the proper long-term development of our national capital region upon lines worthy of our nation, my government will request you to enact a new national capital act to replace the present Federal District Commission Act.

Changes will be proposed in the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act to make certain that payments may be made to participating provinces qualifying under the act in respect of any periods commencing after June this year.

You will be asked to authorize the establishment of a harbour commission to combine the growing harbours at Fort William and Port Arthur and to fit this lakehead harbour to handle the larger traffic to be expected as a result of the seaway.

Unremitting efforts are being made to sell Canadian agricultural and fisheries products in the markets of the world and considerably larger exports of wheat and cattle have been made. Support prices have now been established for a considerable number of products under the Agricultural Stabilization Act to carry into effect, for the current year, the desire of parliament that agriculture should be thus assisted to realize fair returns for its labour and investment.

The act to provide cash advances on farm-stored grain has proven to be of advantage to a large number of farmers and to the economy as a whole. Certain amendments will be proposed to that act in the light of experience in its application.

Amendments will also be proposed to the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

In order to assist small business, there will be established a small business section within the administrative machinery of government. The functions of this organization will be to provide liaison between the government and small businesses, to study the problems of small business and to advise on measures necessary to meet them.

You will be asked to replace the present Ticket of Leave Act with a new statute to establish a national parole board. There will be submitted for

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your consideration amendments to the Citizenship Act and the Indian Act to eliminate certain discriminatory provisions in these statutes.

Amendments will be proposed to the Veterans Insurance Act, the Returned Soldiers Insurance Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act, the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, the Transport Act, the National Parks Act and a number of other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry on the services and payments approved by parliament.

My ministers will lay before you in accordance with the law the special warrants which I issued upon their advice to authorize expenditures urgently required for the public good during the period since the twenty-third parliament was dissolved. You will be invited to consider and approve these expenditures. An amendment to the Financial Administration Act will be proposed relating to the use of special warrants.

Other measures will be proposed to improve the effectiveness of the processes of parliament.

The government will ask your approval of the installation in the House of Commons of a system of simultaneous translation.

You will be asked to set up a select committee on broadcasting, a standing committee on estimates and a standing committee on veterans affairs, all with power to send for persons and papers. My ministers will propose that a member of Her Majesty's loyal opposition be elected chairman of the committee on public accounts.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the Commons:

May divine Providence bless and guide you in the accomplishment of the high purpose which brings you here.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister)** moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration later this day.

Motion agreed to.

**THE LATE ARZA CLAIR CASSELMAN**

TRIBUTE TO LATE MEMBER FOR  
GRENVILLE-DUNDAS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the longer we are in this chamber the more we become aware of the fact that we who meet together through the years find our ranks reduced year by year to an extent which gives all of us occasion to realize something of the shortness of life.

In this parliament, in this House of Commons which had not yet been constituted, one of those who over the years has been a valued member of this chamber passed away last evening. If he had taken his place in this parliament he would have had the distinction of having been elected to, and taken his place in, eleven successive parliaments. He was first elected in 1921 for the constituency of Grenville-Dundas; he resigned to make way for Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, and was re-elected to subsequent parliaments since then.