

The government has accepted the invitation to Canada to send representatives to a Conference of the United Nations to be held on April 25th, at San Francisco, to prepare a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security. My Ministers are of the opinion that the Canadian delegation at the San Francisco Conference should be assured of the widest possible measures of support from Parliament. A joint resolution of both Houses will accordingly be submitted for your approval.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The term of the present Parliament will have expired on April 17th. A general election will be held shortly thereafter. You will be asked to make the necessary financial provisions for the effective conduct of the war, and to meet the ordinary expenses of government, for the period between the end of the present fiscal year and the opening of a new Parliament.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

May Divine Providence guide your deliberations in this solemn moment in the history of the world.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That on Tuesday, the 20th March, 1945, to the end of the present session, Government Notices of Motion and Government Orders shall have precedence at every sitting over all other business except Questions by Members and Notices of Motions for the production of papers.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King it was resolved,—That on Wednesday the 21st March, 1945, and all subsequent Wednesdays until the end of the present session, the sittings shall in every respect be under the same rules as provided for other days.

Mr. Mackenzie King, delivered a message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

ATHLONE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, the Honourable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. E. Michaud, Minister of Transport, and the Honourable J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Ottawa,  
19th March, 1945.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King it was resolved,—That this House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.