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gram has resulted in further progress being made towards the desired objective of improved health facilities and services for the people in all parts of Canada.

While more housing units are being built this year than ever before, the demand for housing continues. Following discussions with the governments of the provinces your approval will be sought for legislation to broaden the scope of the National Housing Act.

A bill to provide for the continuance of functions now vested in the Department of Reconstruction and Supply, including the ministerial responsibility for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, will be placed before you for your approval.

You will also be asked to approve a measure to enable the government to assist in the provision of a transcontinental highway.

The government has concluded new air agreements with the United Kingdom and the United States. The agreements provide new routes for our international air services to the United States and to the Orient, and additional traffic stops in United States and United Kingdom territory for our present international services on the north Atlantic, to the Caribbean and to the south Pacific.

Measures demanding your consideration will include a bill respecting a national trade mark and true labelling; a bill respecting forest conservation; a bill to incorporate the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation; a bill respecting assistance to the shipbuilding industry and merchant shipping; a bill to extend the life of the Export and Import Permits Act; and bills to amend the Exchequer Court Act, the Industrial Development Bank Act, the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, the Customs Act and the Veterans Land Act of 1942.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to make provision for the public service for the current fiscal year. The budget resolutions introduced at the last session of parliament will be submitted for your approval and the enactment of the appropriate legislation.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I pray that Divine Providence may bless your deliberations.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MOTION FOR PRECEDENCE OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of bills and government notices of motions, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until disposed of.

This will enable us, on Tuesdays and Fridays, which under the standing orders of the house are government days, to proceed at once with government business without waiting until the completion of the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

I hope this motion will meet with the approval of the house, and that it may not require too many Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to complete the consideration of His Excellency's address.

Motion agreed to.

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it has just been Your Honour's unfortunate obligation to inform the members of this house that since the last general election two of the members elected to sit in this parliament have died. I refer, of course, to the members elect for Restigouche-Madawaska and Toronto Greenwood.

Mr. Benoit Michaud, the member for Restigouche-Madawaska, had been ill for some time before the conclusion of the last parliament. I am sure that those who sat with him during the last parliament sincerely deplore the fact that a young man, practically in the prime of life, who had shown such great promise in this house, is not with us today.

(Translation):

Mr. Michaud was born near Grand Falls, New Brunswick, in 1902. A brilliant student who distinguished himself at Saint Anne's college and at the university of New Brunswick, he first turned to the teaching profession. His admittance to the bar marked the beginning of an outstanding career during which he was associated with a man who is now a member of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Mr. Justice Arthur Anglin. The latter was associated with our lamented colleague, the late Hon. Francis Bridges.

Mr. Michaud took a keen interest in all the social activities of his community. He was for some time clerk of the county court of his district. Then, for a few years, he acted as protonotary of the supreme court of his province. The manner in which he acquitted himself in the discharge of his various duties brought him into public esteem.

He belonged to every social organization formed by our Acadian brethren. In 1944, he entered the political field, being elected to the New Brunswick legislature, where he represented his home constituency. The following year, he was a candidate in the general election and became the member for the constituency of Restigouche-Madawaska.

We, who were here at the time, remember that Mr. Michaud seldom spoke during the first two sessions of the twentieth parliament, but in the third session, he took an active part in the debates. Our friends on the opposite side of the house considered him a redoubtable opponent while we, on this side, hailed the talents which the new member was revealing.