

to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come with their Speaker:

The following Bills were assented to, in His Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General:

BILLS ASSENTED TO

An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

An Act to improve the methods and practices of marketing of natural products in Canada and in export trade, and to make further provision in connection therewith.

An Act to amend the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act respecting the St. Clair Transit Company.

An Act respecting Shipping.

An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Farmers and their Creditors.

An Act for the relief of Eugenie Margaret O'Reilly Stavert.

An Act for the relief of George Harold Allen.

An Act for the relief of Ena Beatrice Duclos Boyd.

An Act for the relief of Paul Herbert Addy.

An Act to incorporate Security National Insurance Company.

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate The Discount and Loan Corporation of Canada.

An Act to incorporate Personal Finance Corporation.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Excise Act.

An Act to incorporate The Small Loan Company of Canada.

An Act to amend The Representation Act, 1933.

An Act to amend the Loan Companies Act.

An Act to amend the Customs Act.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

An Act respecting Radio Broadcasting.

An Act to amend the Pension Act.

An Act to amend The Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

An Act to incorporate the Bank of Canada.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to provide for the construction and improvement of certain public works and undertakings throughout Canada.

An Act respecting the Franchise of Electors at Elections of Members of the House of Commons.

An Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1935.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I desire to express my appreciation of the careful attention you have given to the various measures submitted to you for consideration during the present session, and to congratulate you upon the extent and importance of the legislation enacted which vitally affects the economic and social life of Canada. It is a source of profound satisfaction that the improvement in economic conditions in Canada which was in evidence when you commenced your sessional labours is still apparent. This improvement is reflected in substantially increased national revenues, a greater volume of inter-Empire as well as foreign trade and a betterment in employment conditions throughout the country. Our favourable trade balances have strengthened our external exchange position and our national credit was never higher. The enactment of legislation incorporating the Bank of Canada to operate as a Central Bank will permit of the exercise of a sound measure of public control over credit and currency in the interests of the economic life of the nation and will secure to Canada a greater measure of freedom in the exchange markets of the world. The decennial revision of the Bank Act has been completed, and necessary amendments made to improve our monetary and banking institutions.

Legislation has been enacted to improve the methods and practices of the marketing of natural products. I express the confident hope that this legislation will provide the means by which the producers of primary commodities in this country may exercise over the marketing of their products a degree of regulative control which will inure to the benefit alike of producer and consumer. The Companies Act will provide greater security for investors in Canadian enterprises. The decline in world commodity prices experienced in past years has borne heavily on the producers of primary products, and the farming population has been faced with a great burden of debt. By means of the legislation which has been enacted speedy adjustments without expense to the farmers may be made with creditors, and authority has been granted to the Canadian Farm Loan Board to extend its operations so as to provide the farmer with additional capital by advances on farm mortgages and also by providing intermediate credit. Under the provisions of the Statute of Westminster legislation has been enacted to make effective extra-territorially the laws of Canada relating to navigation and shipping. The provision for the construction of public works and undertakings widely distributed throughout the country will, it is believed, further serve to stimulate economic recovery by providing employment in various lines of activity.

Among other important measures passed were: an Act to provide for the Franchise of Electors at Elections to the House of Commons,