

"To which Bills I humbly request Your Honour's Assent."

To these Bills the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to these Bills."

After which the Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the First Session of the Twentieth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

More than three months have elapsed since the unconditional surrender of Japan, following upon the unconditional surrender of Germany, brought to an end a world war which has lasted for six years. But peace throughout the world had still to be attained. We are now passing through a period fraught with the inevitable difficulties and dislocations of a time of transition from war to peace. Efforts to establish an enduring peace must be the first concern of all nations.

An essential step towards world peace is the relief of human suffering occasioned by war and the restoration of the countries physically damaged by war. To that end, the further appropriations you have made for international relief and rehabilitation will be of the utmost service.

Canada's determination to do her full part in maintaining international peace and security has been expressed by the unanimous approval given by both Houses of Parliament to the Charter of the United Nations. A delegation, including members of both Houses, is at present in London attending the meetings of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Organization.

During October, after a brief conference at Washington with the President of the United States, my Prime Minister visited the United Kingdom for discussion with members of the British government and for consultation with Canadian representatives in Europe. Shortly thereafter the Prime Minister joined with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in conversations with President Truman at Washington on the subject of atomic energy. Their discussions resulted in an agreed Declaration. The initiative was thereby taken in an international effort to prevent the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes and to promote its use for the benefit of mankind. The approval you have given the declaration will further this initiative.

The visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Great Britain and his address to the members of both Houses of Parliament were deeply appreciated. The visit afforded opportunity for an expression of Canada's admiration for the spirit and resolution of the people of Britain in meeting the difficulties and privations of this post-war period.

Efforts to stimulate the expansion of external trade and the restoration of a world economy have been intensified. These ends will be greatly furthered