

the nation must be found. A greater willingness to listen to each other, to understand each other's needs, a greater generosity between individuals and between different parts of the country, a greater willingness to sacrifice so that others may have a chance, to take less so that others may have enough — all these are in the realm of the spirit. All are essential to the unity of the country. Governments, of course, have a special responsibility to both encourage and respond to the spirit of unity by their words and their actions. Canadians are, I believe, coming to recognize the need to make a new and deeper dedication to mutual understanding and sharing.

"The Government dedicates itself profoundly to the re-discovery of the spirit of unity. It wishes to learn from all who are interested in Canada and who have thoughts on how it can be made a better place in which to live. It is prepared, particularly, to work with the governments of the provinces, all of whom have a vital interest in a better Canada.

"The Government recently appointed the Task Force on Canadian Unity which is now in the process of canvassing opinion in all parts of Canada. The work of the task force should assist Canadians to participate more actively in debate, and to make a greater contribution to the future shaping of the country.

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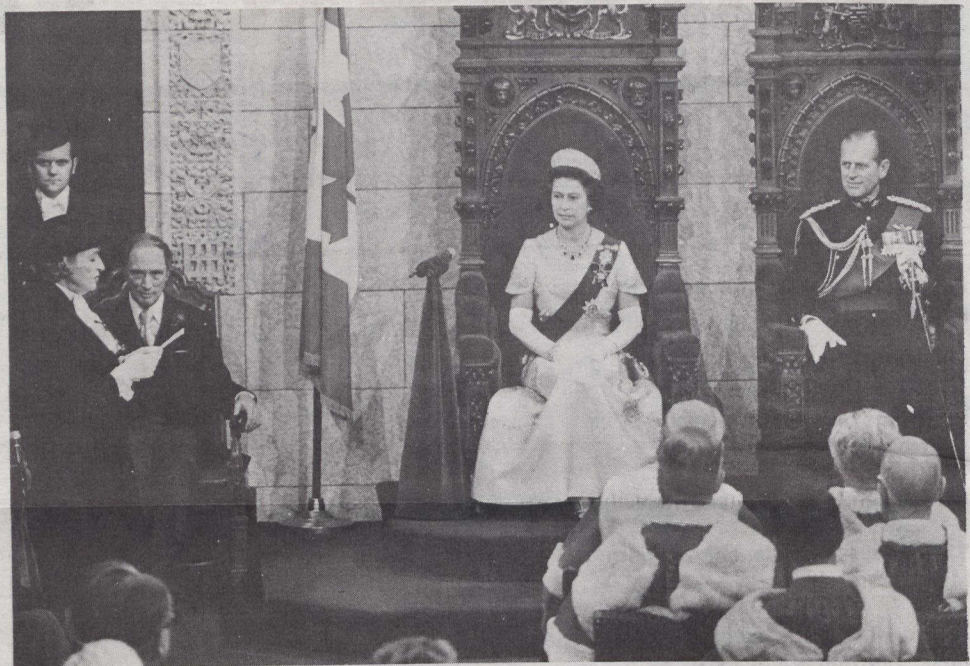
Language rights

"The question of language rights is of particular relevance to national unity, and the Government has therefore welcomed the historic "Statement on Language" approved at the meeting of provincial premiers at St. Andrews in August. The Government believes that this important initiative can and should become a basic part of our Constitution and has recently asked the provinces to consider this possibility.

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"The Government will also propose the amendment of the Official Languages Act, in order to make more specific its provisions respecting the language of work of federal employees, to strengthen the role of the Commissioner of Official Languages, and to clarify the role of the courts in safeguarding the equality of status of the official languages within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada.

"A comprehensive policy for official language minorities will be announced,



Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Prime Minister Trudeau listen intently as Speaker of the Senate Renaude Lapointe reads the command to the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to summon members of the House of Commons to the Senate Chamber for the reading of the Speech from the Throne, on October 25.

and initiatives will be taken to ensure its full implementation within federal institutions....

"The unity of Canadians is often judged by the manner in which the federal and provincial governments work together for the benefit of the citizen. It is in recognition of this that the Government has recently designated a minister of state responsible for federal-provincial relations, so that greater attention can be given to the search for harmony and co-operation between governments in Canada.

Canada enters new era

"Given the new economic realities to which Canada must adjust, and the urgency of promoting linguistic and cultural

harmony, it is readily apparent that Canada is now entering a new era.

"It can be an era of increasing confrontation, tension and division, or an era of enhanced freedom, co-operation and unity of purpose. Fundamentally, the choice must be made by every citizen every day.

"It is apparent to thoughtful Canadians everywhere that this is a time of great decisions for Canada, a time for re-discovering the strength and potential of a marvelously free and caring society.

"That re-discovery will require that Canadians rededicate themselves to each other's well-being, just as I dedicate myself anew today to the people and the nation I am very proud to serve."

Mint makes New Zealand money

The Royal Canadian Mint has received an order from the Government of New Zealand to manufacture circulating coins for the next three years, beginning in 1978. Based on past demand, the order will amount to about \$3.6 million.

Prime Minister R.D. Muldoon of New Zealand, who announced that the Mint's tender was the most competitive of the five bids submitted, said it was only the third mint ever to produce New Zealand

coinage. Previous suppliers were the Royal Mint in London and the Australian Mint in Canberra.

Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services, is confident that "this latest order, in addition to previous orders received from Bangladesh, Barbados, Costa Rica, Israel, Nicaragua, Panama and Portugal, increases our share of the international coinage market. We shall continue to pursue foreign orders to provide a full return of the Canadian taxpayer's investment".