

Speech from the Throne

be instituted to ensure the availability of storage facilities and continuity of supplies of feed grain to match the expanding requirements for livestock production, particularly in the areas of British Columbia and eastern Canada where supplies of feed grain are normally deficient.

The program of rehabilitation and development of agricultural lands is proceeding actively and you will be asked to provide funds for it.

Legislation will be proposed to enlarge the funds of the Farm Credit Corporation, and allow greater flexibility in their use.

The need for training in agriculture and the present facilities have also been under review and as a sequel to these studies, a national conference on agricultural training is to be convened this fall.

The development and use of Canada's resources of energy must be a central feature of the program for national economic growth. The twenty fourth parliament has laid the groundwork for this in the National Energy Board Act and in other measures.

It is hoped that arrangements will soon be completed that will make it possible to submit for your approval the Columbia river treaty and the legislation required in parliament to implement it.

The national oil policy introduced by the government two years ago has brought about a gratifying increase in the production and sale of Canadian oil.

Studies will be continued, in co-operation with the provinces, in relation to the long distance high voltage transmission of electrical power and the development of potential sources of hydroelectric power with a view to the ultimate establishment of a national power grid, which will facilitate the orderly utilization of the hydroelectric potential of Canada in the interests of expanding Canadian development and progress. Discussions are in progress with the government of Manitoba in respect to studies of the Nelson river system.

My ministers have come to the conclusion that large scale, long term contracts for the export of power surplus to Canada's needs, present and potential, should now be encouraged in order to expedite the development of major power projects in Canada which are too large to be supported by the domestic market. Such exports can also strengthen our balance of payments.

In recognition of the important role of transportation in the Canadian economy, you will be asked to approve measures to give effect to recommendations of the royal commission on transportation which has now completed its comprehensive analysis of the Canadian railway problem. These changes are intended to remove the need for general horizontal freight rate increases which have borne so heavily in the past upon certain areas and groups of producers. You will also be asked to provide for an extension of the Freight Rates Reduction Act and the other interim railway subsidies provided by appropriation.

Amendments will be proposed to the Canada Shipping Act to preserve for Canadian vessels the coasting trade in the St. Lawrence and great lakes area. Funds will be requested to implement the program of shipbuilding subsidies announced some months ago.

You will be asked to provide for the continuation of the winter works program to assist municipalities in meeting seasonal unemployment.

Far reaching changes are taking place in manpower requirements in Canadian industries as a result of automation, other technological developments and world competitive pressures. A measure will be placed before you designed to assist employers, workers and their organizations in meeting the impact of industrial change.

My government will also place before you legislation to provide safeguards against accidents and hazards in works and undertakings within the federal fields of jurisdiction.

The committee inquiring into matters relating to the unemployment insurance fund is expected to submit its report this autumn. Following consideration of this report, appropriate measures will be placed before you.

In order to permit the introduction of a national system of contributory old age pensions with disability and survivor benefits, an amendment to the British North America Act is required. The governments of all provinces except Quebec and Newfoundland have concurred in such an amendment. My government is prepared to recommend to you the approval of an address to Her Majesty requesting the amendment when the concurrence of these remaining provinces has been received.

As pension plans have become ever more widely extended in Canadian business, it has been increasingly recognized that measures are essential to protect the interests of those affected and in particular to ensure that the benefits earned are portable when workers move from job to job. Provincial legislation would be required for this purpose in most cases, and several provinces are considering proposals of this nature. My government will be prepared to place before you complementary legislation to deal with industries under federal jurisdiction when adequate progress has been made by provinces.

A measure will be placed before you to authorize the establishment of a national council of welfare to make more fully effective the action of both federal and provincial governments in this field.

You will be asked to approve amendments to the Food and Drugs Act to provide for more effective control of the distribution and sale of drugs in the interests of the public health.

You will be asked to enact legislation to provide for the establishment of a national medical research council.

Legislation will be reintroduced to authorize the payment by federal crown corporations of certain provincial commodity taxes and fees.

Legislation will be proposed on university grants which will include authorization of payment of the higher grants announced some months ago and will provide alternative arrangements where supplementary provincial grants are made in lieu of federal grants.

A bill will be introduced to authorize a revision and codification of all federal statutes.

Bills will be introduced to amend the Judges Act, the Aeronautics Act, the Bankruptcy Act, the Coal Production Assistance Act and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, and other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry on the services and payments approved by parliament.

You will be asked to abolish closure and to re-establish the special committee on procedure of the house.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the Commons:

I pray that God in His wisdom may enlighten you in the discharge of your duty toward our country.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the house.

Motion agreed to.