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Act. Where it may appear advisable to continue these or other emergency powers, the required legislation will be submitted for your approval at the earliest possible date.

Where measures enacted under wartime powers may be required for a considerable period, bills necessary to give statutory form to their provisions will be introduced without delay. This procedure will bring under your review a considerable number of measures relating among other matters to labour relations, agriculture, marketing, immigration, defence, finance and export trade. For example, you will be asked to approve a measure to amend the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act to provide perpanent machinery for the conciliation of disputes and the regulation of labour relations between exployers and employees in Wagia those classes of employment which come within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada. Other ·集: 王 examples are appendments to the Canada Grain Act and The Canadian Wheat Board Act.

Progress is being made in overcoming the shortages in building supplies, thereby accelerating the provision

of additional housing. The construction programme in the past year was rotarded by stoppages in certain key industries. Despite all obstacles, the number of housing units completed in 1946 approximated the objective set by the Government. The co-operation of provincial and municipal authorities greatly contributed to the provision of emergency shelter.

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Since the last session of parliament negotiations for tax agreements have been carried on with certain of the provinces. In the course of these negotiations, modifications were made in the Dominion proposals to meet problems of individual provinces, and to ensure comparable treatment for all.

Tax agreements have now been **concluded** with several of the provinces. The government is prepared to conclude agreements on a similar basis with the remaining provinces. You will be asked to approve such tax agreements as may be concluded.

Once suitable financial relationships have been arrived at with the provinces, my Ministers have undertaken to seek, in a general conference or otherwise, to work out satisfactory arrangements with

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