

joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons. It is the intention of my Ministers to recommend the reappointment of this committee at the next session of Parliament.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for all essential services.

A most gratifying achievement of the session now concluding has been the substantial reduction in the level of taxation on personal incomes, which became effective on the first of July, and which was made possible by the drastic reduction of public expenditures. At the end of the year, the tax on excess profits will be removed.

Authority to conclude tax agreements with the provinces has been vested in the Government. Seven of the nine provinces have signified their intention to conclude such agreements.

A Bill to revise the income tax law was introduced in order to permit of study and consideration of its provisions between now and the next session.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The recent visit of the President of the United States to Ottawa was deeply appreciated by the citizens of Canada. The visit afforded renewed evidence of the close and cordial relations of our two countries.

My Ministers have been pleased to welcome a delegation from the National Convention of Newfoundland. Members of the delegation are exploring the possibility of finding a basis, which would be mutually acceptable, for the federal union of Newfoundland with Canada.

The people of Canada have learned with great pleasure of the betrothal of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. As Her Royal Highness and Lieutenant Mountbatten continue to face the future with its duties and responsibilities, it will be the wish of all that health, happiness, and divine guidance may gladden their path through life.

Amid the uncertainties and perils of these troubled times, I pray that the guidance of Almighty God may be vouchsafed to our country and all the nations.

His Honour the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons:

It is the Honourable the Deputy Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of August, next, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of August, next.

GASPARD FAUTEUX,

Speaker.

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