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## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

*A federal Department of Urban Affairs and Housing and a federal department "to be concerned with the environment and the husbanding of those renewable resources" that are a part of it, were among the proposals in the Throne Speech read by Governor-General Roland Michener at the opening of the third session of Canada's twenty-eighth Parliament on October 8. A program was announced to "gather... scientific resources" to serve the industrial and technological sectors of the economy better.*

*Other matters to be dealt with in the new session include tax reform, unemployment insurance, consumer protection and foreign ownership in the uranium industry.*

*Excerpts from the speech follow:*

...The Northwest Territories, which comprise 40 per cent of our land and water, and the "keystone" province of Manitoba, have each celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of their entry into Canada.

They were greatly encouraged in these exercises, and Canada as a whole was delighted by the presence of our gracious Queen and the Duke of

Edinburgh, accompanied for the first time by the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne. The Royal Family travelled extensively in the Northwest Territories and visited a great many Manitoba communities, ending with an enthusiastic send-off from Winnipeg. In Ottawa we were all pleased to play host for two days to Prince Charles, a friendly and interested guest.

The interest of Canada as a whole in these centennials was shown in many ways, including a session of the Cabinet in Winnipeg, individual visits by the Prime Minister and other Canadians in public life, and by the participation of my wife and myself.

### ROYAL VISIT TO B.C. CENTENNIAL

Next year British Columbia, which extended the Canadian Federation to the Pacific Coast in 1871, will mark the centennial of this historic event. It will give Canadians much satisfaction to know that Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Princess Anne, will visit the province in early May and join in the centennial celebration....

### URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

One of the greatest of the challenges to individuality comes from the increasing pressures of urban living. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the population of Canada will be resident in a few large cities by the end of this century. By comparison with the recent past, this is a new face of Canada bringing with it a new accumulation of problems. One of those problems is the need for adequate housing, another the provision of the many services necessary in an urban environment. Much progress has already been attained in these areas, but much more remains to be done. To solve the problems will require an ever-increasing share of the nation's financial resources; not to solve them, to permit unmanaged growth, would result in an unacceptable drain on the nation's human resources. To foster co-ordination of the activities of all levels of government, and to con-

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