

Existing legislation respecting the Canadian National Railways has been amended so as to provide for the appointment of a Board of Directors in a manner which will serve to afford a greater measure of government authority and responsibility to Parliament.

Radio broadcasting in Canada has been made the subject of inquiry by a Special Committee of the House of Commons. The Committee's recommendations have been embodied in legislation which provides for the carrying on of a national broadcasting service in Canada under a broadcasting corporation having complete control over all forms of broadcasting, whether public or private.

Provision has been made for the reorganization and consolidation of important departments and branches of the public service. The consolidation of certain existing departments into the Department of Mines and Resources and the Department of Transport, and the co-ordination of the administration of the national harbours, will greatly further the ends of efficiency and economy.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into conditions in the textile industry is continuing its investigation, and a Royal Commission has been appointed to conduct an investigation respecting the importation and distribution of anthracite coal.

The War Veterans Allowance Act has been amended to provide for special consideration to veterans having attained the age of fifty-five. A Veterans Assistance Commission Act has been passed with a view to securing more general employment of returned soldiers. Amendments have been made to the Pensions Act to simplify procedure and expedite the hearing of claims.

Amendments to the Criminal Code have been made, including the repeal of Section 98, relating to unlawful associations.

Other important measures have been enacted.

The several opinions of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada touching the validity, in whole or in part, of a number of measures enacted at the sessions of Parliament in 1934 and 1935, have been received within the past few days, and are being carefully studied by my Ministers and by the law officers of the Crown.

My Ministers have given continuous thought to the serious international situation. They have sought to support by all appropriate and practicable means the establishment of a world order based on justice and equity. At the forthcoming meetings of the Assembly of the League of Nations to be held at Geneva at the end of the present month, and in September, the representatives of Canada will seek, in co-operation with other delegates, to further in the most effective way the aims and ideals of the League.

His Majesty the King has graciously consented to unveil, on July the twenty-sixth, the memorial on Vimy Ridge, erected in commemoration of the valour and sacrifice of the Canadian soldiers who fought during the Great War. The acceptance by the King of the invitation of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, and by the President of the French Republic of the Canadian Government's invitation to be present on this occasion has been deeply appreciated.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public service.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The many important measures enacted at the present session, the first of the eighteenth Parliament of Canada, constitute, I believe, a substantial contribution towards national recovery.

In taking leave of you at this time, I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.