

Prorogation of Parliament

To assist further the development of Canadian industry, you have approved the Textile and Clothing Board Act, and you have amended the Export Development Act, the Anti-Dumping Act and the Canadian New Zealand Trade Agreement Act.

You approved amendments to the Farm Improvement Loans Act, the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act and the Small Business Loans Act to facilitate, by means of a government guarantee, the provision of term credit by the chartered banks and other designated lenders to farmers, small businessmen and fishermen.

To assist the orderly conduct of business you have passed the Investment Companies Act and the Co-operative Associations Act.

Consistent with the Government's policy of encouraging the economic development of the less prosperous parts of Canada, you have amended the Regional Development Incentives Act.

To help develop and maintain strong Canadian-controlled and Canadian-managed corporations in the private sector and to provide Canadians with greater opportunities to participate and to invest in the economic development of Canada, you have approved the creation of a Canada Development Corporation.

Much of the time of this session has been occupied by the question of taxes. You have approved eight Acts affecting all manner of taxation in Canada and affecting some international tax agreements. The approval of one of these Acts resulted in the complete revision of the Canadian system of taxation and in a more equitable distribution of the tax burden amongst all Canadians.

You have also responded to the needs of Canadians for improved social services. You have provided more adequate income support for older citizens of modest means by amending the Old Age Security Act. You have made better provision for those who served their nation in time of war by amending the Veterans Pensions and Allowances Act, the Civilian War Pensions Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act and the Pension Act. You have provided workers with better employment conditions by approving amendments to the Labour (Standards) Code and you have given working Canadians improved income protection by amending the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Merchant Seamen Compensation Act.

Aware of the increased protection required by the Canadian consumer, you enacted the Packaging and Labelling Act and amendments to the Weights and Measures Act.

Your respect for the principle of equality before the law and your desire to protect Canadians in their dealings with the law caused you to enact the Bail Reform Act.

To protect the cultural diversity of Canada and to encourage Canadians of all cultural inheritances to contribute of their values and traditions to our society, the Government established a policy of multiculturalism.

During this session you have addressed yourselves to the concerns of the agricultural community. You have considered the problems of the marketing of agricultural products and you have

passed the Farm Products Marketing Council Act. Appreciative of the particular problems of prairie farmers, you have revised the Grain Act and you have amended the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act. You have passed the Crop Insurance Act. Farmers have also benefitted from the introduction of a two price system for wheat.

Your deep concern for the preservation of the environment for present and future generations of Canadians has led you to establish a Department of the Environment. To combat pollution you have amended the Canada Shipping Act. You have also passed the Clean Air Act and the Weather Modification Information Act. Recognizing that all nations must act in concert if the earth's vital resources and environment are to be preserved, Canada has continued its efforts to gain international agreement that will result in better protection of the interests of coastal states and in measures that will safeguard the quality of the environment.

In order that government respond more quickly and more sensitively to the needs and aspirations of Canadians in the seventies, you approved a measure establishing the Ministries of State. To enhance the quality of our urban life and to meet the new and immense challenges of technology, you have enacted measures which have resulted in the creation of Ministries of State for Urban Affairs and for Science and Technology.

As further evidence of your desire to adapt our legal and governmental institutions to the contemporary needs of our society, you have amended the Judges Act and the Senate and House of Commons Act and you have passed the Federal Court Act. You have approved the Statutory Instruments Act and to supervise its implementation you have established a Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

During this session, both Houses of Parliament have permitted their Committees to continue the important task of reviewing Government policy and administration.

A number of other significant initiatives and items of legislation were approved in this third session of the twenty-eighth Parliament. The laws which you have enacted and the Policies which you have undertaken are amongst the most important in our history. Though we have accomplished much, we have yet much to do. The pace of legislative reform and innovation must continue rapidly if we are to meet the challenges of the future. By applying ourselves to this task with energy and imagination, together we will make a lasting contribution to the strength, justness and prosperity of Canadian society.

Members of the House of Commons

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public services in the previous and in the current fiscal year.

*Honourable Members of the Senate,**Members of the House of Commons,*

May Divine Providence continue to bless our country.

This concluded the third session of the twenty-eighth parliament.