

advisers of the government, and for the consolidation of the revenue-collecting services under one administrative head. These enactments should materially aid in simplifying and improving the present methods of taxation, and effect a substantial saving.

To existing safeguards for the public in banking operations has been added provision for government inspection of the chartered banks.

Important trade agreements, mutually beneficial, have been made with Belgium and the Netherlands. Other treaties, aiming at the suppression of smuggling operations, have been negotiated between Canada and the United States. To safeguard the interests of children and young persons in maritime transport, adherence has been given by Canada to certain draft conventions of the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations. At the moment our country is being represented at the Inter-Allied Conference in London by an honourable member of this parliament. We fer-

vently share the hope of all the countries there represented that the deliberations of this important body may aid in the speedy improvement of European conditions and relations.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you, in His Majesty's name, for the provision you have made for the public service.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

For the peace and plenty which our land to-day enjoys, and for the promise of increasing prosperity, I join with you in humble thanksgiving to Divine Providence.

This concluded the third session of the fourteenth parliament.

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