

Prorogation of Parliament

You have passed a measure amending the National Parks Act and making provision for the establishment of a national park in the province of Newfoundland.

Other measures you enacted include: the International River Improvements Act, the Foreign Aircraft Third Party Damage Act, the Canadian Forces Act, 1955, the Great Lakes Fisheries Convention Act and the Exportation of Power and Fluids and Importation of Gas Act.

Amendments have been made to the Criminal Code, the Canada Grain Act, the Railway Act, the Radio Act, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, the Defence Production Act, the Judges Act, the Canada Elections Act, the Transport Act, the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act, the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act.

A royal commission has been set up to inquire into and report upon the prospects for Canada's economic future.

A committee has been appointed to advise upon a uniform system of establishing manufacturers' prices for the application of the sales tax.

Members of the House of Commons:

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

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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In taking leave of you at this time I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may attend you.

This concluded the second session of the twenty-second parliament.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Grants to universities—

126. To provide grants to institutions of higher learning recognized in each province by the government of Canada and the government of the province as being universities or institutions of equivalent standing equal to an amount, for each province, not exceeding 50 cents per head of its population as certified by the dominion bureau of statistics divided among the recognized institutions of the province proportionately to their enrolment of full time intramural students in personal attendance at the recognized institution or at an institution in the same province affiliated with it who are registered in courses of university level recognized as leading to and counting year for year toward a university degree awarded by a

university in Canada and the Minister of Finance may for this purpose more particularly define the terms "university level" and "university degree", \$7,800,000.

Miscellaneous grants—

127. Canadian association of consumers, \$10,000.

Loans, investments and advances—

539. Loan to the Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association, on such terms and conditions as the governor in council may approve, to assist in the construction of the W. Clifford Clark memorial recreation centre, \$500,000.

Payments to municipalities—

653. Grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes on federal property—to provide for payments to municipalities in accordance with the Municipal Grants Act, and the rural municipal grants regulations as made and established by order in council P.C. 1954-1621, dated October 28, 1954, and to provide for payments to municipalities under order in council P.C. 1954-1497, dated October 6, 1954, in respect of the cost of medical and hospital services and supplies furnished to federal employees and other persons specified therein—further amount required including authority to regard the admiralty properties in the city of St. John's, Newfoundland, as federal property notwithstanding that formal transfer of administration has not been completed, \$3,177,200.

Contingencies and miscellaneous—

654. To provide for expenses of a royal commission on economic prospects, including the payment, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, of honoraria or allowances as may be authorized by the treasury board to officers, clerks or employees permanently employed in the civil service for services rendered by them to the commission, \$300,000.

Special—

655. To provide for a contribution to the government of the province of Ontario for assistance in meeting costs resulting from floods, arising out of "Hurricane Hazel", on October 15 and 16, 1954 (revote), \$669,742.

Miscellaneous grants—

656. To provide for a grant to the Canadian olympic association to help defray expenses of the Canadian team for the 1956 olympic games, \$60,000.

789. To authorize the purchase of 3,600 shares of stock of the international finance corporation being Canada's subscription as a member thereof for the amount of \$3,600,000 U.S., notwithstanding that payment may exceed or fall short of the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of May, 1955, \$3,555,000.

Auditor General's office—

55. Salaries and expenses of office, \$697,598.

Department of Insurance—

158. Departmental administration, \$517,092.

END OF SESSION