

*Prorogation of Parliament*

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General as follows:

May it Please Your Excellency:

The Commons of Canada have voted supplies required to enable the government to defray certain expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Honour the following bill:

An act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1950.

To which bill I humbly request Your Honour's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General, did thereupon say:

In His Majesty's name, the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the fifth session of the twentieth parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In opening the present session, I stated that the first concern of government in world affairs is to

ensure peace and security. To this end, the North Atlantic treaty was signed at Washington on April 4, after its principles had been overwhelmingly approved by both houses. I am gratified that you have given unanimous approval to the treaty which it is the intention to ratify at an early date.

There has been deep satisfaction throughout the country at the completion of the original plan of confederation by the admission of Newfoundland as the tenth province on March 31.

Provision was made for the continuance of certain transitional measures, of the Agricultural Products Act and of the Foreign Exchange Control Act. My government has welcomed your approval of the international wheat agreement which it is hoped will be approved by a sufficient number of signatories to bring it into force on July 1, 1949.

As further instalments in the government's policy to provide a national standard of social security you have passed measures designed to broaden the scope of the Family Allowances Act and to increase the amount of pension paid by the federal government under the Old Age Pensions Act.

Other measures enacted during this session include bills respecting the control and regulation of interprovincial and international pipe lines, the Judges' Act, the National Parks Act, mail contracts and the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for making provision for essential services for the period required for the holding of a general election and the assembling of a new parliament.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

May Divine Providence continue to bless our country with peace and prosperity.

This concluded the fifth session of the twentieth parliament.

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END OF SESSION