

against fraud, to the producer and distributor the elimination of unfair practices, to the consumer higher standards of products, and to the Dominion a condition of healthy competition in industry. The provision made for the appointment of a Director of Public Prosecutions ensures the enforcement of these enactments.

By the legislation enacted respecting minimum wages, hours of work and weekly rest, the Parliament of Canada has made an important advance in the field of social legislation. These measures are of great importance because of their bearing upon economic conditions throughout the country and because they represent Canada's determination to maintain fair and humane conditions of labour for men, women and children in keeping with the national obligations under the treaties of peace and the conventions adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organization of the League of Nations, to which Canada subscribed.

Through the action of my Government, in co-operation with the financial institutions of the country, Canada enjoys the most favourable interest rates in its history. The provision which you have made for loans to farmers at low interest rates, and the measure which you have enacted during the last session of Parliament respecting farmers' indebtedness have improved their economic condition. The amendments made to these measures during the session will further extend their benefits. You have also made provision for assisting fishermen by establishing a system of long term mortgage credit.

The enactment of the measure relating to Unemployment and Social Insurance will through the establishment of a national labour exchange service, provide for dealing more effectively with the problem of seasonal and other unemployment, and will afford the means whereby Canadian workers can, with the assistance of the Government, make provision for their own security.

Following a conference with the representatives of all the provinces my Ministers have decided to appoint a Royal Commission to make a thorough investigation of our national health problems with a view to proposing a definite plan for the co-operation of federal and provincial authorities in a national health policy.

The measures which you have taken to provide for public works and undertakings throughout Canada, to authorize the guarantee of certain railway equipment securities, and to assist in the construction of houses will, it is confidently believed, do much to stimulate industry in the building trades throughout the country and create employment.

The action which you have taken during the past few years to raise prices paid to wheat producers gives effect to the policy adopted at the Empire Economic Conference held at Ottawa and the World Economic Conference held at London. By your action in providing for the Canadian Wheat Board that policy will be continued.

The provisions which you have made for the revaluation of gold and an exchange stabilization fund constitute an important effort to restore normal exchange conditions throughout the world and make possible a greater volume of international trade.

Important amendments have been made to the Income War Tax Act, and provision has been made for the rehabilitation of drouth

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and soil drifting areas in the Prairie Provinces. Other measures include the Relief Act and an Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to Patents of Invention.

During the session my Government tabled the additional protocol to the trade agreement between Canada and France, which provides for the extension of further tariff concessions by each country to the products of the other. You have approved a Convention of Commerce between Canada and Poland, by means of which it is hoped to increase the trade between the two countries on mutually advantageous terms. A *modus vivendi* was also concluded with the Republic of Haiti, and the New Zealand trade agreement has been extended.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the Public Service.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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You have reason to rejoice in the proud position which Canada enjoys as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The world-wide celebrations commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the Throne of His Majesty have impressed the whole world with the unity and solidarity of the Empire, the devotion and loyalty of its peoples to the Crown and the extent of its influence for peace and security.

My official connection with Canada is drawing to a close. My interest in the Dominion, however, will not terminate with my departure from its hospitable shores. I shall continue to watch its progress and development with deep and abiding interest and the sincere hope and belief that, under God's Providence, it will ever increasingly prosper.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS

From the floor of the Senate the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate read in French, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons read in English, the Address to His Excellency the Governor General adopted on July 4 by both Houses of Parliament.

His Excellency was graciously pleased to reply as follows:

I wish to thank you very sincerely, honourable members of the Senate and members of the House of Commons in Parliament assembled, for the terms of your Address.

I, too, feel deep regret that my term of office as the King's representative in the country should be drawing to a close. When one has made his home in any country for nearly five years, it is no easy matter to leave it, more particularly after experiencing such constant proofs of friendship and goodwill as I have met with on all sides.

Believing as I do that one of the chief functions of a Governor General is to maintain personal contact between the King and his subjects, I have endeavoured throughout my tenure of office to travel widely over this great country. In doing so, I have been able not only to visit repeatedly all the great cities that lie between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts, but also to reach many of the remoter country