

Members of the House of Commons will be invited to consider the report of the Special Committee on Elections and Franchise Acts, and you will be asked to enact such legislation as may be necessary to implement such of the Committee's recommendations as meet with their approval.

A measure will be submitted to extend the authority of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Legislation will be introduced with a view to furthering the principle of Parliamentary control of the export of electrical power.

The international situation generally continues to give much ground for anxiety. My Ministers have endeavoured, as opportunity has afforded, to promote international understanding and good-will. They have sought to join the efforts of Canada to those of other countries which are seeking by co-operation and conciliation to effect a settlement of questions and issues which concern the world's peace.

The Administration has followed with deep interest the course of the negotiations being conducted with a view to the conclusion of a trade agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America. My Ministers are fully alive to the importance of these negotiations, and to Canada's interest in their outcome.

In August last, the Canadian Government approached the Government of the United States with a view to extending and revising the trade agreement concluded between them in 1935. Exploratory conversations followed which have resulted in efforts to effect a new agreement on a broad and comprehensive basis. It is hoped that negotiations may so progress as to render it possible to submit the new agreement to Parliament, for its consideration, during the present Session.

With a number of other countries, adjustments have been made, during the past year, in our commercial relations in order to facilitate a wider exchange of commodities.

The Government is convinced that, in seeking to co-operate with the United Kingdom and other countries in efforts to promote international trade, it is pursuing one of the most effective means of ensuring economic security and progress in Canada, and the betterment of conditions in other parts of the world.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The Public Accounts of the last fiscal year and the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

Mr. Speaker read to the House the following Messages from His Majesty the King:—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

*Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada:*

I thank you most sincerely for the assurances of loyalty and support contained in the Address which you have presented to me upon the occasion of my Accession to the Throne. It is the dearest wish of The Queen and myself that our Reign may be marked, under Divine Providence, by the blessings of