

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

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

“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, 1948.”

“To which Bill I humbly request Your Honour’s Assent.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:—

“In His Majesty’s name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which the Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the Third 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:*

The restoration of peace and world recovery have not proceeded as speedily as had been hoped for. Failure to conclude peace settlements with Germany and Austria has complicated the political and economic situation, not only in Europe, but throughout the world. Several countries, including Canada, have approved treaties of peace with Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland.

In Europe, the delay in the re-establishment of industries has continued to affect adversely the balance of foreign trade and of international payments. The severe winter and the shortage of necessities, particularly of food, have added to human suffering, and aggravated the problems of relief and rehabilitation.

Unsettled world conditions have been reflected in many of the measures you have been called upon to consider at the session now being concluded.

On June 30, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration came to an end. The need for relief, however, has not ended. In recognition of this need, Parliament has made a substantial appropriation for the purchase of food and other essentials of life required by peoples of war-devastated lands. Parliament has also approved Canadian membership in the International Refugee Organization.

Canada is participating fully in the activities of the Economic and Social Council, the Atomic Energy Commission, and other agencies of the United Nations. Our country is also effectively represented at the International Conference on Trade and Employment at Geneva.

As a result of the deliberations of a special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, a Committee, on which Canada is represented, was created to prepare a report on Palestine.

An important feature of the session has been the removal, in an orderly manner, of the majority of controls and restrictions in force during and immediately after the war. To guard against sudden and excessive increases in the cost of living, and for other reasons, certain emergency orders and regulations have been continued for a further transitional period.