

Amendments will be proposed to the Canada Shipping Act to preserve for Canadian vessels the coasting trade in the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes area. Funds will be requested to implement the program of shipbuilding subsidies announced some months ago.

You will be asked to provide for the continuation of the winter works program to assist municipalities in meeting seasonal unemployment.

Far-reaching changes are taking place in manpower requirements in Canadian industries as a result of automation, other technological developments and world competitive pressures. A measure will be placed before you designed to assist employers, workers and their organizations in meeting the impact of industrial change.

My Government will also place before you legislation to provide safeguards against accidents and hazards in works and undertakings within the federal fields of jurisdiction.

The committee inquiring into matters relating to the Unemployment Insurance Fund is expected to submit its report this autumn. Following consideration of this report, appropriate measures will be placed before you.

In order to permit the introduction of a national system of contributory old age pensions with disability and survivor benefits, an amendment to the British North America Act is required. The governments of all provinces except Quebec and Newfoundland have concurred in such an amendment. My Government is prepared to recommend to you the approval of an Address to Her Majesty requesting the amendment when the concurrence of these remaining provinces has been received.

As pension plans have become ever more widely extended in Canadian business, it has been increasingly recognized that measures are essential to protect the interests of those affected and in particular to ensure that the benefits earned are portable when workers move from job to job. Provincial Legislation would be required for this purpose in most cases, and several provinces are considering proposals of this nature. My Government will be prepared to place before you complementary legislation to deal with industries under federal jurisdiction when adequate progress has been made by provinces.

A measure will be placed before you to authorize the establishment of a national council of welfare to make more fully effective the action of both federal and provincial governments in this field.

You will be asked to approve amendments to the Food and Drugs Act to provide for more effective control of the distribution and sale of drugs in the interests of the public health.

You will be asked to enact legislation to provide for the establishment of a National Medical Research Council.

Legislation will be re-introduced to authorize the payment by federal crown corporations of certain provincial commodity taxes and fees.

Legislation will be proposed on university grants which will include authorization of payment of the higher grants announced some months ago and will provide alternative arrangements where supplementary provincial grants are made in lieu of federal grants.

A bill will be introduced to authorize a revision and codification of all federal statutes.

Bills will be introduced to amend the Judges Act, the Aeronautics Act, the Bankruptcy Act, the Coal Production Assistance Act and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, and other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry on the services and payments approved by Parliament.

You will be asked to abolish closure and to re-establish the special committee on procedure of the House.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

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I pray that God in His wisdom may enlighten you in the discharge of your duty towards our country.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

## RAILWAYS BILL

### FIRST READING

**Hon Mr. Choquette** presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

### CONSIDERATION ON OCTOBER 3

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of his speech delivered this day from the Throne to the two houses of Parliament. It is as follows:

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Dispense.