

The House of Commons being come,

The Clerk read the titles of the Bills to be assented to, as follows:—

An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to readjust the Representation in the House of Commons.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.”

The Honourable the Speaker of the Commons then addressed His Excellency the 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 Excellency 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, 1934.”

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

After the Clerk had read the title of this Bill,

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In bringing to a close the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament, I congratulate you upon the extent to which you have realized the hopes set forth in my address on the re-assembling of Parliament in October last.

It is deeply gratifying that the benefits of the Imperial Economic Conference Agreements now known throughout the world as the “Ottawa Agreements,” to which legislative sanction was given in the early part of the session, are already reflected in a profitable and steadily increasing volume of Empire Trade.

The measures which my Government has taken to maintain the integrity of national finance are already showing gratifying results. The credit of Canada throughout the world has been strengthened.

The last decennial census, upon which redistribution of the representation of the people in the House of Commons under the British North America Act is based, disclosed that Canada has now, like many other countries, a majority