

The British North America Act has been amended by the United Kingdom Parliament in accordance with the request contained in a joint address adopted by both Houses of Parliament. The amendment will have the effect of maintaining more effectively the historic principle of representation by population, in the representation of the people in the House of Commons.

You have enacted a measure to clarify and define Canadian citizenship and to make it the distinctive status of the people of this country. The Immigration Act has also been amended to bring it into conformity with the revised definition of Canadian citizenship.

Other Bills enacted include measures respecting the armed forces, the development and control of Atomic Energy, the National Research Council, the Department of External Affairs, the operation of Crown Companies, the Exchequer Court, the remuneration of Judges, the investigation of Combines, Foreign Exchange Control, Unemployment Insurance, War Crimes and the Federal District Commission.

The Dominion-Provincial Conference resumed its meetings on April 25, and adjourned on May 3. The Conference not having reached unanimous agreement, proposals in respect to taxation were subsequently made which could be accepted by the provinces individually. These proposals have been accepted in principle by three provincial governments. Preliminary discussions are under way with certain other provinces. It is hoped that ultimately general agreement embracing all the provinces may be concluded.

Your approval has been given to the membership of Canada in the World Health Organization and in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Canada has continued to give the utmost support to the various agencies of the United Nations.

Early in the session, the Prime Minister visited the United Kingdom to join in consultations on matters of common concern with the Prime Ministers or their representatives of other nations of the British Commonwealth.

Canada is represented at the Conference convoked to consider the treaties of peace with Italy and the Axis satellites of Southern and Eastern Europe which opened its proceedings in Paris on July 29, by a delegation presided over, at the outset, by the Prime Minister.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for all essential services.

The further measure of relief from the wartime burden of taxation to be effected at the beginning of the new year will be cordially welcomed.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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May Divine Providence bless your deliberations and guide the nations in the establishment of a just and durable peace.

His Honour the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

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Members of the House of Commons:

It is the Honourable the Deputy Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Thursday, the tenth day of October, next, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the tenth day of October, next.

GASPARD FAUTEUX,
Speaker.