

Further provision has been made for the dependents of members of the armed forces.

Reciprocity in the war production of Canada and the United States was established as a result of the agreement reached at Hyde Park in April last. The war production of the two countries has been further increased by subsequent joint agreements.

Comprehensive and drastic measures have been taken to control the cost of living and to prevent inflation.

My government has maintained close association with His Majesty's Governments in Britain, and other parts of the British Commonwealth, and with those of the allied powers. My Prime Minister and several of my Ministers have visited the United Kingdom for consultation and conference. The Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, other Ministers from different parts of the Commonwealth, and distinguished representatives of the Allied Governments have also visited Canada. These personal exchanges have heartened and strengthened our common effort.

Of particular significance have been the meeting at sea and the conferences held at Washington between the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the President of the United States, and the visit to Canada of the Prime Minister of Great Britain. In these conferences, my Prime Minister and other of my Ministers have been both directly and indirectly associated. The Atlantic Charter agreed upon between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain has been approved by all the allied nations. It sets forth underlying principles of a new world order upon which all are agreed. An outcome of the conferences at Washington was the important declaration, signed at Washington, at the beginning of the present year by the representatives of twenty-six nations. It binds each of the several countries to employ all of its resources against the Axis Powers, and not to conclude a separate armistice or peace.

In the course of the present session, the people of Canada learned with regret of the death of two former Governors General. The names of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and the Marquess of Willingdon will remain outstanding among those of the distinguished representatives, in Canada, of His Majesty the King.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the financial appropriations you have made. Their unprecedented magnitude is but one of many evidences of the determination of the Canadian people to put forth their utmost effort in the winning of the war.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I devoutly join with you in invoking the aid of Divine Providence in the preservation of our Christian civilization.

His Honour the Speaker of the Senate then said:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

It is the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until to-morrow, the twenty-second day of January, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until to-morrow.