

The Royal Assent

An act to amend The Trans-Canada Air Lines Act, 1937.

An act to implement the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean.

An act to amend The Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935.

An act to amend The Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act.

An act to amend The Fisheries Research Board Act.

An act respecting Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Therapeutic Devices.

An act to amend The Canadian Citizenship Act.

An act to amend The Veterans Benefit Act, 1951.

An act to Authorize the Grant of Assistance to a Province for the Conservation of Water Resources.

An act to amend The Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

An act to provide Assistance for the Higher Education of Children of certain Deceased Members of the Armed Forces and of other Persons.

An act to provide for the Government of the Yukon Territory.

An act to amend the Excise Tax Act.

An act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 1934.

An act respecting the Canadian Forces.

An act to amend the Radio Act, 1938.

An act relating to Trade Marks and Unfair Competition.

An act to amend the Income Tax Act.

An act respecting Co-operative Credit Associations.

An act to amend The National Housing Act, 1944.

An act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways system during the calendar year 1953, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.

An act to implement a Convention between Canada and the United States for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery.

An act to amend The Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936.

An act to prevent discrimination in regard to employment and membership in trade unions by reason of race, national origin, colour or religion.

An act to incorporate Canadian Co-operative Credit Society Limited.

An act to amend The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

An act to provide for the superannuation of persons employed in the public service of Canada.

An act to amend the Criminal Code.

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed 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 Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1954.

To which bill I humbly request Your Honour's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Deputy Governor General, did thereupon say:

In Her Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General thanks her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

After which the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the seventh session of the twenty-first parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is anticipated that the session now concluding will be the final session of the twenty-first parliament.

During the life of this parliament the commonwealth and the world were saddened by the death of a great king.

Our young Queen is already assured of the affectionate loyalty and devotion of the Canadian people, and of our deep attachment to the crown. The representatives of our country will leave in a few days to manifest those sentiments in the coronation ceremonies. Coronation day will be the occasion of universal rejoicing in Canada and throughout the commonwealth. At the present session you have enacted legislation to confirm the change in the royal style and titles agreed upon by the meeting of commonwealth prime ministers held in London in December last.

Since the present parliament was elected four years ago we have witnessed many important changes in our own country and in the world.

For the first time, the crown is represented in Canada by one of the sovereign's Canadian subjects.

This is the first parliament in which there have been members from the new province of Newfoundland. Four years ago the work of the fathers of confederation was completed and all Canadians rejoice in the success of the union and the fine contribution the people of Newfoundland are making to the life of the nation.

One of the first achievements of this parliament was to vest the Supreme Court of Canada with jurisdiction as the final court of appeal for the Canadian nation.

This is the first parliament entrusted with the power to amend the constitution of Canada here in Canada in matters which are exclusively of federal concern and at the last session this power was exercised to provide for an alteration in the rules for the readjustment of the representation in the House of Commons.

You have made provision for separate representation of the Mackenzie district of the Northwest Territories in parliament; for elected members in the Northwest Territories council and for increased elected representation in the Yukon council.

Special constitutional safeguards have been made to ensure the holding of federal general elections within the period prescribed by the British North America Act.

Three years ago, this parliament gave its approval to Canadian participation in the military intervention of the United Nations to resist communist aggression in Korea. Since that time Canadian forces have shared in the collective effort to halt aggression and restore peace to that unhappy land. Apart from the South Koreans themselves, our forces have formed the third largest contingent in the combined strength of the United Nations in Korea and they have fought with valour and distinction in conformity with