

An Act for the relief of Kate Henny Wecker Prengel.

An Act for the relief of Jeannette Racine Garneau.

An Act for the relief of Gladys Gwendolyn Goode Buttress.

An Act for the relief of Gladys Victoria Lewis White.

An Act for the relief of Madge Reynard Lambton.

An Act for the relief of Cornelia Barendrecht Nickel.

An Act for the relief of Paul Charbonneau.

An Act for the relief of Samuel Lankszner.

An Act for the relief of Audrey Maude Victoria Giles Findlay.

An Act for the relief of George Elias Heydenreich.

An Act for the relief of Guiseppina Cannuli Catalfamo.

An Act for the relief of Ann Laurie Willett Allan.

An Act for the relief of Leon Schechter.

An Act for the relief of Beatrice Evelyn Tutill Bobinsky.

An Act for the relief of Una Mary Phillips Slavin.

An Act for the relief of Margaret Laidley Lawrie Burke.

An Act for the relief of Albert Kenworthy.

An Act for the relief of Esther Leibof Kaufman.

An Act for the relief of Harold Clarence Simkin.

An Act for the relief of Winnifred Emily Ford Salmon.

An Act for the relief of Arthur Herbert John Louth.

An Act for the relief of Frank Potts.

An Act for the relief of Kenneth Wright Williamson.

An Act for the relief of Ida Goldman Adelstein.

An Act for the relief of George Cohen.

An Act for the relief of Katharine Lillian Cornish Mullin.

An Act for the relief of Orville Lester Bennett.

An Act for the relief of May Holmes Martin.

An Act for the relief of Georgette Mathias.

An Act for the relief of Gladys Odella Sweet Elliott.

An Act for the relief of Robert Charles Delafosse.

An Act for the relief of Adelaide Jardine McDonald.

An Act for the relief of Edith McLachlan Ward.

An Act for the relief of Eva Lamothe Paquin.

An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Iris Lobar Kinnon.

An Act for the relief of Jeanne Obodofsky Newton.

An Act for the relief of Philip Sidilkofsky.

An Act for the relief of Rhoda Marjorie Beacom Sadler.

An Act for the relief of Becky Herscovitch Moscovitch.

An Act for the relief of Veronica Conrick Pelley.

An Act for the relief of William Bryan Hazel.

An Act for the relief of Victorien Tremblay.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1949.

After which the Right Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Parliament of Canada with the following Speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

World conditions continue to occasion anxiety. Instead of the closer co-operation which had been hoped for between all nations, the cleavage between certain nations of eastern Europe and nations of the western world has become increasingly marked. The sense of danger has led, on the part of free nations, to the establishment and promotion of regional associations to ensure their joint security and well-being. Canada has continued, as opportunity has afforded, to further effective organization for international peace and security. My ministers have made clear our country's intention to assist in maintaining a preponderance of strength on the side of the preservation of freedom.

The delay in restoring production in Europe and Asia has resulted in an unprecedented demand for commodities from the Western Hemisphere. This demand has had an inflationary effect on world prices. Higher world prices have been reflected in rising domestic prices. The effect of this on the cost of living has been of increasing concern to consumers.

While shortages of food and other supplies to meet the demand abroad and at home have resulted in increased prices, production in Canada, to meet this demand, has led to a degree of employment and prosperity not hitherto experienced.

My ministers are of the opinion that widespread controls of prices, so necessary at a time of war, would prove prejudicial if maintained indefinitely in time of peace. The controls made necessary by war have accordingly been progressively removed. As a means of resisting inflationary pressures, certain controls have been continued in this transitional period.

The whole question of prices and the cost of living has been debated at length in both houses of parliament. It has been the subject of detailed investigation by a select committee of the House of Commons. The investigation has had a restraining effect upon unjustifiable increases in prices. The report of the committee deserves wide public attention. The government will give most careful consideration to its representations.

The inability of Canada's European customers to pay for their imports resulted, during 1947, in a serious depletion of our reserves of United States dollars. To meet the critical situation occasioned by the shortage of United States dollars to pay for our vastly increased imports from that country, it became necessary to impose drastic and unpopular temporary restrictions on our trade. You will recall that the consideration of measures for this purpose necessitated beginning the session early in December. Debate on these measures occupied a large part of its earlier months.

It is gratifying to note that the measures taken have helped not only to stop the depletion, but to replenish Canada's reserves of United States dollars. The implementation by the United States of the European Recovery Program will contribute materially to the same end. As our reserves increase, and our trade is brought into better balance, restrictions will be