

Since you entered upon the duties of the session, the world-wide depression in economic conditions has grown more acute, and the consequent state of unemployment and distress in many parts of the country has been intensified through the partial failure of the wheat crop of Western Canada. To augment existing relief measures, the Governor in Council has been empowered to take the necessary action to provide the maximum of employment and to aid, by such means as may be deemed expedient, the recovery from the adverse conditions arising primarily from the crop failure.

The great powers of Europe and America, following the generous and constructive action of the President of the United States of America, which Canada whole-heartedly endorses, are unitedly striving for the re-establishment of better world conditions. Towards this purpose we may now effectively contribute, by steadfastly bending ourselves to the task of freeing Canada from the consequences of this universal state of economic depression and of

the particular misfortune which has befallen the West; so that this country may be ready to take its place in the forefront of the world's recovery.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public service.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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I join with you in sympathy for those upon whom the present conditions bear most heavily. As our burden is less than that of other countries, so have we, as a Nation, the greater duty to aid the unfortunate among our citizens. I commend your zeal for the common good. It is the crowning proof of the unassailable unity of the Canadian people. These troubled times will pass, for adversity is powerless against the will of Canada to regain the happiness and prosperity which are its birthright. May Divine Providence bless and guide you in all your labours.