

*Speech from the Throne*

I am deeply sensible of the great honour of having been appointed by His late Majesty as his personal representative in my native land. As I take up my duties as the representative of the queen, I assure you of the pleasure with which I look forward to our association in parliament and I deem it a privilege to be connected with you in your labours for the welfare and happiness of the Canadian people.

The situation throughout the world continues to cause concern and to require my ministers to devote a great deal of attention to our external affairs. The government remains convinced that the nations of the free world must continue to increase their combined strength, in order to ensure lasting peace and security by the effective discouragement of aggression.

In Korea it has not yet been possible to bring about an armistice, but negotiations with this end in view are still going on. Canadian forces together with their comrades from other of the United Nations are giving distinguished service in that unhappy land.

A formation from the Canadian Army now forms an effective part of the integrated force of the North Atlantic alliance in Europe and further elements of the Royal Canadian Air Force are progressively being dispatched overseas. Amendments to legislation relating to our armed forces will be submitted for your approval.

Your approval will also be sought for a further Canadian contribution to the Colombo plan and for technical assistance to underdeveloped areas.

A Japanese peace treaty has been signed and will be submitted for your consideration.

At home our economy remains very buoyant. External trade and capital investment have reached record levels. Generally speaking employment remains at a high level. Inflationary pressures are still being strongly felt and require the maintenance of anti-inflationary measures.

Unfortunately foot-and-mouth disease has appeared in cattle in a small area in Saskatchewan. Immediate steps have been taken to limit the affected area, eradicate the disease and meet the situation resulting from the embargo under United States law on exports of livestock and meat to that country.

A board of engineers has been established to prepare an application for submission to the international joint commission concerning the development of hydroelectric power in the international section of the St. Lawrence river.

As a measure designed to assist in the development of our natural resources you will be asked to consider legislation to enable the Canadian National Railways to construct a branch line between Terrace and Kitimat in British Columbia.

You will be asked to consider legislation to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1946, and the Veterans Benefit Act, 1951.

A bill to revise the Immigration Act will be placed before you. If that bill can be finally dealt with during the present session, related amendments to the Canadian Citizenship Act will be submitted.

You will be asked to approve a bill to authorize the federal government to enter into new tax rental agreements with the provinces.

You will be invited to consider a measure to provide for the readjustment of representation in the House of Commons.

You will be asked to consider a complete revision of the Criminal Code prepared by a commission which has been engaged on this project for the past three years.

A bill will be introduced to authorize certain preparatory steps in connection with the establishment of a national library.

[Mr. Speaker.]

A bill will also be presented respecting trademarks.

Other measures to be introduced will be amendments to the Food and Drugs Act; the Canada Grain Act; the Cold Storage Act; the Canadian Farm Loan Act; the Civil Service Superannuation Act; the Currency Act; the Canada Shipping Act; the Northwest Territories Act; the Aeronautics Act; the Radio Act; the Government Employees Compensation Act, 1947, and the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to make provision for all essential services, and for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations charter and the North Atlantic treaty, for the next fiscal year.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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May Divine Providence bless your deliberations.

MOTION FOR PRECEDENCE OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business, unless and until otherwise ordered, except introduction of bills and government notices of motions, until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

**THE LATE KING GEORGE VI**

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY AND LOYALTY TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II—MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to propose two motions which my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew), has kindly consented to second. Perhaps it would suit the convenience of the house if, so far as the speeches that are to be made on these motions are concerned, both motions were dealt with together.

When they awoke on the morning of February 6, all Canadians were profoundly shocked to learn that their king was dead. We knew how precarious His Majesty's health had been, and for some months we had all been very anxious. Then gradually this feeling of anxiety had given way to gratification at what seemed to be a steady recovery from his illness. But now King George VI is no more.

It is our first duty and our sad privilege to extend to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II our profound sorrow at the bereavement she has sustained and to express our loyalty and allegiance to her. Our heartfelt sympathy also goes out to Their Majesties the Queen