

An Act for the relief of Glennville Wesley Potter.

An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Mitchell.

An Act for the relief of Edith May Enfield.

An Act for the relief of Lillian Elizabeth Barton.

An Act for the relief of Isabelle Henderson.

An Act for the relief of Ruth Oretta Taaffe.

An Act for the relief of Frank William Benson.

An Act for the relief of Hilda Rebecca Allison.

An Act for the relief of Sydney James Black.

An Act for the relief of Llewellyn John Chubb.

An Act for the relief of Charles Edwin Walker.

An Act for the relief of Lewis Coit Dargavel.

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

In His Majesty's name His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows:

May it please Your Excellency:

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 Excellency the following bill:

An act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March 1930.

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

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

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the third session of the sixteenth parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I desire to express my appreciation of the expedition with which you have conducted the proceedings of the session of parliament now concluded, and of the attention given by you to its exacting duties.

It is gratifying to observe that it has again been possible to effect a further reduction of taxation, and also a substantial reduction in the public debt.

The improvement in Canada's financial position has been paralleled by a continuous im-

provement in the financial position of the Canadian railways and by a steady growth in manufacturing and in domestic and foreign trade. The acts making provision for another comprehensive program of branch line construction by the two railway systems, for the acquisition by the Canadian National system of certain lines of railway in different provinces, for the construction of adequate terminal facilities at Montreal, for the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway and harbour facilities at Fort Churchill, and for further loans to the harbour commissioners of our national ports, are indications of your recognition of the urgent demand for more adequate transportation and trade facilities.

The policy of promoting the expansion of trade by assisting the establishment of steamship services abroad has been amply justified. The Canadian National service inaugurated last year to ports in South America has required the addition of more ships than was at first contemplated, and the West Indies service has attracted an increasing export trade. Provision has been made for an increased service to South Africa, also for establishing a new connection with Australia and New Zealand. Provision has also been made for an increase in the number of trade commissioners in foreign countries.

Resulting from an exhaustive inquiry and a unanimous report by the standing committee of the House of Commons on agriculture and colonization, amendments have been made to the Canada Grain Act respecting the storage, shipping, mixing, inspection and grading of grain, which it is believed will more adequately protect the standards of Canadian grain and prove of benefit to the producers.

With a view to the improvement of the existing electoral system, a special committee of the House of Commons was appointed to inquire into the Dominion Elections Act and the Corrupt Practices Inquiries Act. After devoting much time and study to the several subjects submitted for its consideration, this committee also presented a unanimous report, in accordance with the recommendations of which important amendments to the Dominion Elections Act have been enacted. Among other changes introduced by this legislation, provision is made for the future appointment of returning officers by the chief electoral officer, and for a more efficient method of preparing election lists in urban centres.

Among other important measures enacted were bills respecting pensions to employees of the Canadian National Railways, also amendments to the Narcotic Drug Act, the Fisheries Act, the Insurance Act, and the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

The report of the royal commission appointed to inquire into the financial readjustments incidental to a transfer to the province of Manitoba of its natural resources has been received. The report will be made the basis of negotiations between the governments of the Dominion and the province with a view to effecting a final agreement.