

tentive and careful consideration from my advisers.

The measure providing for the control of fuel recognizes the peculiar importance of this matter in the national economy and the need for insuring supplies to the greatest possible extent.

You have adopted legislation with respect to shipbuilding which should result in the continued employment of many thousands of men hitherto engaged in that and associated industries.

The provision made for the naval service wisely recognizes the importance of preserving a nucleus which can be developed if need should arise.

Provision for the air service has also been made in such a manner as will produce the largest trained personnel consistent with the financial capacity of the country. Because of Canada's peculiar geographical position and features, it is highly important that the possibilities of this new method of communication and transportation should be fully explored. The Air Board will be enabled to watch every new development and to take practical steps in the interests of aerial navigation in the Dominion.

The measure for the education and enfranchisement of Indians constitutes an effective means of enabling these wards of the nation to make further advance to the responsibilities of citizenship.

The settlement of the issues of the war still proceeds, but it is hoped that before another Session the final treaties will have been concluded. After obtaining your approval the Government have sanctioned on behalf of Canada, the ratification of the Treaty with Bulgaria; the Treaty with Hungary has been signed, but the Treaty with Turkey is still under negotiation.

During the Session, as a result of a Conference between the Government and the Governments of the British West Indian Colonies, an important agreement was concluded with the object of rendering still closer the trade relationship between Canada and these Colonies and of improving the means of intercourse and communication. This agreement will be submitted to you in due course.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In His Majesty's name I thank you for the provision you have made for the needs of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

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On your return to your homes, I trust you will find such reassuring evidences of a bountiful harvest and of continued productiveness in every sphere of national activity as will enhance your confidence in the prosperity and stability of the Dominion in these critical times.