

*Address to Her Majesty*

to be made to seek new markets for agricultural products as well as to regain those that have been lost.

Due to inability to market their grain, prairie farmers have for some time been faced with a serious shortage of funds to meet their immediate needs. In order to permit them to receive an advance payment for the grain they can expect to deliver this year you will be asked to authorize a system of cash advances for grain stored on farms.

My government will strive to secure additional markets for the products of our fisheries and to promote the development of international rules to safeguard the living resources of the sea.

My ministers believe that a national development policy carried out in co-operation with the provinces, and in the territories, is needed to enable all regions of Canada to share in the benefits to be realized in developing the resources of this great nation. It is their intention to propose to you from time to time programs and projects to implement this policy.

As an immediate start upon a program of more extensive development in the Atlantic provinces, you will be asked to authorize, in joint action with the provincial governments, the creation of facilities for the production and transmission of cheaper electric power in those provinces. You will also be asked to provide assistance in financing the Beechwood project which has been under construction in New Brunswick.

My ministers will advance this national development policy further by initiating new discussions with the government of Saskatchewan in order to make possible the early commencement of construction of the dam on the South Saskatchewan river.

My ministers are pressing for a favourable settlement of international problems in connection with the Columbia river to clear the way for a joint program with the province of British Columbia to develop the immense power in the waters of this river.

My ministers will place before you a measure to ensure that those working in industries under federal jurisdiction will receive annual vacations with pay.

You will be asked to approve bills relating to certain railway branch lines, amendments to the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, and, in so far as the other business before you permits, to several other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the sums required for carrying on the government of Canada during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Changes in certain of the taxing statutes will be submitted for your approval.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the Commons:

I wish to express to you and to the people of Canada my gratitude and that of my husband for the warmth of the loyalty and affection with which we have been welcomed here in Canada.

As I now address you here for the first time, I will call to your minds the words of the earlier Elizabeth when, more than three centuries ago, she spoke from her heart to the Speaker and members of her last parliament and said "Though God hath raised me high, yet this I count the glory of my crown, that I have reigned with your loves". Now here in the new world I say to you that it is my wish that in the years before me I may so reign in Canada and be so remembered.

On this happy day when we give thanks to God for all that He has bestowed on us, I ask that He may bless and guide you.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister)** moved:

That the speech of Her Majesty the Queen to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the house.

Motion agreed to.

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MOVED BY PRIME MINISTER—SECONDED BY  
LEADER OF OPPOSITION

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, having regard to the fact that this is indeed the Queen's day, as I said earlier, and in the light of the moving experience which has been ours during the last few minutes, I could not but think of the words of the poet John Masefield in which he described the Queen in this way:

An order and a beauty from of old  
Set by its virtue above greed and hate;  
A loneliness of living crowned with gold;  
In all life's storm a standard of the state.

Without further words I feel that all hon. members in this house would wish to join in the motion to be moved by myself and seconded by the Right Hon. Mr. St. Laurent in these words:

That a humble address be presented to Her Majesty conveying the loyalty and love of this house and of all her Canadian subjects, their joy in welcoming the presence in Canada of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, and their profound gratitude to Her Majesty for graciously opening parliament and making of this day an historic occasion for all Canadians.

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to second the motion of the Prime Minister expressing the deep loyalty, respect and affection which I know everyone in this chamber feels for Her Majesty the Queen, and our genuine satisfaction in welcoming our sovereign lady and Prince Philip.

This is a happy occasion on which to state in formal terms the emotions we felt when Her Majesty presided at the opening of the twenty-third parliament of Canada, and stated, as was the fact, that for the first time the representatives of the people of Canada and their sovereign were assembled on an occasion of such importance. I think this day will go down in Canadian history as—in the words used by the Prime Minister—the Queen's day, and that we shall all rejoice in remembering the emotions of this splendid occasion.

Hon. members will recall that the possibility of Her Majesty and Prince Philip being in Canada at this time arose some months ago, and even then we all hoped that the situation would be such that Her Majesty might herself preside at the opening of this twenty-third parliament. I am very happy that the