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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:** His Excellency, the Governor General, today opened the fourth session of Canada's twentieth Parliament. In brief, the Speech from the Throne states that:

Parliament will be asked to approve the multilateral trade agreements concluded at Geneva.

Parliamentary approval will be sought of temporary measures already adopted to conserve Canada's reserves of U.S. dollars.

In effort to further world recovery, Canada will continue, as far as possible, to apply the principle of mutual assistance. Further assistance must, however, take into account exchange difficulties.

Continuance in force of certain orders and regulations covered by the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act (which terminates December 31) will be sought.

Officials in departments of government most immediately concerned have been asked to keep under constant supervision conditions of production and supply which tend to raise the level of consumer prices.

In view of prices fixed for the 1948-49 crop year in the wheat agreement with the U.K., Parliament will be asked to consider a measure for an increase in the initial payment to producers.

Parliament will be asked to consider plans for a low rental housing project for veterans.

A measure similar to the one introduced in Parliament last session to provide more effective machinery for adjustment of differences between employers and employed will be submitted.

Steps are being continued to coordinate organization and administration of the three armed services. A measure to consolidate all statutes relative to defence will be submitted.

Measures to which the attention of Parliament will be directed include Bills to revise the Income Tax Law, the Dominion Elections Act and the Canada Shipping Act. Bills relating to veterans will also be submitted.

The Government intends to recommend re-appointment of the Select Joint Committees on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and on the revision of the Indian Act.

Lengthy discussions between a delegation from the National Convention of Newfoundland and a Committee of members of the Government have been held to explore the possibility of finding a mutually acceptable basis for the union of Newfoundland with Canada. The Government has announced terms which it believes to be a fair and equitable basis for union should the people of Newfoundland desire to enter into Confederation.

The marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth has been the occasion of widespread rejoicing. To Her Royal Highness and to H.R.H., the Duke