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CANADA PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith.

TO OUR FAITHFUL the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Saskatchewan, and to every one of you, GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

JOE L. SALTERIO,
Deputy Attorney General

WHEREAS, it is expedient for causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Saskatchewan, WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on MONDAY, the THIRD day of DECEMBER, 1951, at Our City of Regina, personally be and appear for the despatch of Business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Saskatchewan and thereby to do as may seem necessary, **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our right trusty and well beloved THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM JOHN PATTERSON, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Saskatchewan.

AT OUR CAPITAL CITY OF REGINA, in Our said Province, this NINTH day of NOVEMBER, in the year of Our Lord ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ONE, and in the FIFTEENTH year of Our Reign.

By Command,

J. A. YOUNG,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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Province of Saskatchewan

Fourth Session

Eleventh Legislature

Regina, Monday, December 3, 1951

3 o'clock p.m.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, dated the ninth day of November, 1951, for the meeting of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, and the Assembly having met:—

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, and having taken his seat upon the Throne, was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is my privilege to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan which has been called to dispatch urgent business.

This year we have shared the anxiety of the peoples of the Commonwealth for the health of our beloved King. We are thankful for his recovery and growing strength.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to our province and country was a joyous occasion. Their visit was marked by the spontaneous and enthusiastic welcome by the people of Saskatchewan who clearly demonstrated their continued affection and attachment to the Crown.

Last December representatives of the Government of Canada and all the Provinces met in Ottawa to consider proposals for our senior citizens.

An agreement was arrived at providing for Old Age Pensions without a means test for all citizens of seventy years and over and for Old Age Assistance with an eligibility test for citizens in the age group from sixty-five to sixty-nine years. This agreement necessitated an amendment to the British North America Act, the form of which was agreed upon by the Federal and Provincial Governments early this year. On an address from the Canadian Parliament the Parliament at Westminster passed the amendment.

You have been called to this Session to give legislative effect to the agreements that have been reached between the Federal and Provincial Governments regarding Old Age and Blind Pensions. Legislation will be introduced for your consideration which will amend existing Old Age Pension laws, and enable the Province of Saskatchewan to enter into agreements with the Government of Canada to provide for Old Age Assistance to those in the age group sixty-five to sixty-nine years, inclusive, and to provide allowances to the blind under a broader eligibility test than that contained in existing legislation.

Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada to provide free hospital care and health services under a means test for Old Age Pensioners, seventy years of age and over, and for blind pensioners and the dependants of both these groups. It is the intention of my Government to continue its present policy of providing health services and supplementary allowances to these groups and to extend old age security benefits to other Old Age Pension recipients as circumstances warrant.

The legislation to be placed before you marks another forward step in providing humanitarian legislation designed to give added security and well-being to our senior citizens.

I leave you now to the business of the Session, with full confidence that you will favourably discharge your duties and responsibilities in the best interests of the Province. May Divine Providence continue to bless our Province and guide the Legislature in all its deliberations.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

PRAYERS:

Mr. Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Clerk of the Executive Council certificate of the following Election and Return:

Of Edward Hazen Walker, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral Division of Gravelbourg.

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

Edward Hazen Walker, Esquire, Member for the Electoral Division of Gravelbourg, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker informed the Assembly that Harold Wadge, Esquire, K.C., had been appointed Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk in succession to James P. Runciman, Esquire, K.C., retired on superannuation.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn) have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the Bill to the Assembly, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker then informed the Assembly that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn), seconded by the Hon. Mr. Fines:

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration later today.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn), seconded by the Hon. Mr. Corman:

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this Assembly be printed after having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, and the Hon. Mr. Sturdy, a member of the Executive Council, having in each case acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly,

The following Bills were severally received, read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time on Tuesday next:-

Bill No. 1—An Act to provide for Old Age Assistance.
(*Hon. Mr. Sturdy*)

Bill No. 2—An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.
(*Hon. Mr. Sturdy*)

Bill No. 3—An Act to amend The Social Aid Act, 1947.
(*Hon. Mr. Sturdy*)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn), seconded by Mr. Tucker:

Resolved, That this Assembly records its deep regret at the loss suffered by the Province and people of Saskatchewan through the death of the late Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable John Michael Uhrich, M.D., Ph.C.

In a brilliant career from country doctor to the high position he occupied at his demise, Dr. Uhrich served the Province and its people with great distinction in various capacities over a great many years, but will best be remembered as Saskatchewan's first Minister of Public Health and as an inspired and inspiring leader in that important domain of public service. As creator of the Department of Public Health and organizer of many of its activities, he laid foundations upon which succeeding Governments and other Ministers in turn have built until today the Department is recognized for its initiative and its works throughout the North American continent.

As a member of this Legislature, Dr. Uhrich represented the Constituency of Rosthern from 1921 until his retirement in 1944, an unbroken record of service which testifies to the esteem and confidence accorded him by his constituents.

Tireless in his public service, Dr. Uhrich was equally active in affairs of his Church, his devoted services being recognized and crowned when, in 1928 the then Pontiff created him a Knight of St. Gregory.

In recording its acute sense of personal loss, this Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the widow and surviving close relatives of the late Dr. Uhrich.

By leave of the Assembly, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn), seconded by Mr. Tucker:

Ordered, That the Resolution of regret and condolence on the death of the late Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable John Michael Uhrich, M.D., Ph.C., together with a transcription of the recorded tributes to his public service and memory, be transmitted to Mrs. Uhrich, on behalf of this Assembly, by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Swallow, moved:-

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM JOHN PATTERSON,
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arising, it was, on motion of Mr. Tucker, adjourned.

The Assembly then adjourned at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

Regina, Tuesday, December 4, 1951

PRAYERS:

3 o'clock p.m.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Swallow:—

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM JOHN PATTERSON,
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

According to Order, the following Bills were read the second time and, by leave of the Assembly, referred to a Committee of the Whole, later today:

- Bill No. 1—An Act to provide for Old Age Assistance.
- Bill No. 2—An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.
- Bill No. 3—An Act to amend The Social Aid Act, 1947.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the undermentioned Bills:—

On the following Bills, progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again:

- Bill No. 1—An Act to provide for Old Age Assistance.
- Bill No. 2—An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.
- Bill No. 3—An Act to amend The Social Aid Act, 1947.

The assembly then adjourned at 10.20 o'clock p.m.

Regina, Wednesday, December 5, 1951

PRAYERS:

3 o'clock p.m.

Leave to introduce the same having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time and, under Standing Order 55, ordered to be read the second time later today:

Bill No. 4—An Act respecting Allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Second Session of 1951.
(Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn))

By leave of the Assembly, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Douglas (Weyburn), seconded by Mr. Tucker:

Ordered, That, to mark a significant development in the Civil Defence programme in the Province of Saskatchewan, the test message transmitted over emergency radio communication facilities established at the Civil Defence Training School at Fort Qu'Appelle to Mr. Speaker, and read by him at yesterday's sitting, be printed in the records of the House, as follows:

Civil Defence Training School,
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan,
December 4, 1951.

MESSAGE No. 5,
From VE5G1 Portable
Check 116.

Filing Time 16:17

Hon. Tom Johnston, Speaker,
Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly in Session,
Legislative Building, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker:

The Civil Defence Training School, located at the Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, during the week December 3rd to December 8th inclusive, is giving special emphasis to the testing of emergency communication facilities.

The Saskatchewan section of the American Radio Relay League, in co-operation with Saskatchewan Civil Defence organization, has established a radio communication system to be used to transmit urgent civil defence messages if normal telephone and telegraph communication ceased to function.

The delivery of this message from Fort Qu'Appelle *via* short wave radio facilities and messenger demonstrates that amateur radio operators in Saskatchewan are fully prepared to establish and operate emergency communication for the Saskatchewan Civil Defence organization should the need arise.

(Signed) T. C. DOUGLAS, M.L.A.

Received by VE5UQ MOBILE STATION,
W. H. Bourne, Operator,
2428 Montague Street, Regina.

Delivered by messenger to Mr. Speaker
at 16:40.

According to Order, the following Bill was read the second time and, by leave of the Assembly, referred to a Committee of the Whole at this sitting:

Bill No. 4—An Act respecting Allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Second Session of 1951.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the undermentioned Bills.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 1—An Act to provide for Old Age Assistance.

Bill No. 2—An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.

Bill No. 3—An Act to amend The Social Aid Act, 1947.

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and, by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 4—An Act respecting Allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Second Session of 1951.

3.40 o'clock p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour:-

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session passed several Bills, which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour, and to which Bills I respectively request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

No.

1. An Act to provide for Old Age Assistance.
2. An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.
3. An Act to amend The Social Aid Act, 1947.
4. An Act respecting Allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Second Session of 1951.

The Royal Assent to these Bills was announced by the Clerk:

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is my duty to relieve you of further attendance at the Legislative Assembly. In doing so, I wish to thank you and congratulate you upon the results of your considerations.

Further assistance to aged and blind pensioners will result from the enactments of this Session. This humanitarian legislation will provide further for the well-being of our province.

In taking leave of you, I thank you for the manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the Session. I wish you the full blessing of Providence as you return again to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Williams, Provincial Secretary, then said:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it pleases His Honour to summon the same for the dispatch of business, and the Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

TOM JOHNSTON,
Speaker.

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