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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1939

PROCLAMATION

ALBERT MATTHEWS

CANADA

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

TO OUR FAITHFUL, THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, AND TO EVERY OF YOU

GREETING.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of Our said Province, and WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the nineteenth day of the month of September, 1939, AT OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the Despatch of Business, to treat, act,

do and conclude upon those things which, in our Legislature of the Province of Ontario, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the GREAT SEAL of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE ALBERT MATTHEWS, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

at Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this fifth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

C. F. BULMER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Tuesday, the nineteenth day of September, 1939, being the first day of the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

And the House having met,

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province then entered the House and being seated on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:--

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

We meet to-day under circumstances of the utmost gravity. The possibility of War, in which we are now engaged, was fully realized and debated by you at the last Session, when you passed unanimously a Resolution calling, in such event, for the complete mobilization of all our resources.

Legislation calculated to give effect to the determination then expressed will be immediately submitted to you. You will be asked to pass measures designed to increase agricultural and industrial production, and for the protection of our vital public works and services. Our great power resources will be a major asset in the production of war equipment, and authority will accordingly be sought for the adequate control of current by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Another measure will provide for closer supervision of municipal expenditures.

Due to the enlistment of men, various Acts will require amendment, such as provision for the transfer of trusteeships; protection of interests in mining claims; and the vesting in certain military Officers of power to take affidavits which will be admissible in Court. Amendments to the Corporations Tax Act and the Income Tax Act, in relation to patriotic gifts, will also be submitted.

As you are aware, the administration of The Succession Duty Act in certain details has recently been impaired by the Courts. The necessity for the Act to function as it was intended, particularly in view of the financial strain to which the Province will be subjected under War conditions, is now greater than ever, and the Bill which will be presented to you is intended to remove all doubt as to the validity, scope and effect of the Act, and establish once and for all the absolute right of the Treasury Department to investigate where fraud is suspected.

I am confident that these and other measures designed to allow Ontario to play the most effective possible role in the successful prosecution of the War will receive your earnest consideration. In this connection, I would commend most heartily the instant co-operation and assistance rendered by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition to the Government, in the common cause in which we are now all engaged.

In conclusion, I am happy to inform you that although additional expenditures have already been incurred owing to the War, the strictest economy is being observed in all Departments and no further financial provision is required at the present time for carrying on the affairs of the Province.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers.

On motion by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), seconded by Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That as the Legislature has been convened in this Special Session for the purpose of dealing with certain proposed legislation to facilitate the actions of the Province of Ontario and its Government in lending its assistance in the prosecution of the War in which the Empire is now engaged, and to consider certain amendments to clarify the meaning of The Succession Duties Act, and those matters are the only subjects of the Address of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, this House hereby resolves to dispense with the customary formal debate on the subject matter of the Address as such matter will be debated during the consideration of the Legislation submitted to the House.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), intituled, "The Succession Duty Act, 1939." *Mr. Conant.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2), intituled, "The Public Works Protection Act, 1939." *Mr. Conant.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), intituled, "The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1939." *Mr. Leduc.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4), intituled, "The Corporations Tax Act, 1939." *Mr. Leduc.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5), intituled, "The Mining Amendment Act, 1939." *Mr. Leduc.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), intituled, "The Organization of Resources Act, 1939." *Mr. Cross.*

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7), intituled, "The Execution of Trusts Act, 1939." *Mr. Conant.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8), intituled, "An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions." *Mr. Conant.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9), intituled, "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2)." *Mr. Conant.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), intituled, "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2)." *Mr. Cross.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11), intituled, "The Vacant Land Cultivation Amendment Act, 1939." *Mr. Cross.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12), intituled, "The Power Control Act, 1939." *Mr. Houck.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1939

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 2), The Public Works Protection Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 3), The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 4), The Corporations Tax Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 5), The Mining Amendment Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 6), The Organization of Resources Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 7), The Execution of Trusts Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 9), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 10), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 11), The Vacant Land Cultivation Amendment Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 12), The Power Control Act, 1939.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 2), The Public Works Protection Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 3), The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 4), The Corporations Tax Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 5), The Mining Amendment Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 6), The Organization of Resources Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 7), The Execution of Trusts Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 9), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 10), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 11), The Vacant Land Cultivation Amendment Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 12), The

Power Control Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 13), intituled, “An Act to amend The Voters’ Lists Act.” *Mr. Roebuck*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14), intituled, “An Act to amend The Assessment Act.” *Mr. Roebuck*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Conant, seconded by Mr. Nixon (Brant),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting an Act to govern the collection of Succession Duties in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Nixon (Brant) acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommended it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Resolved.

That this House approves the terms of an Act intituled “The Succession Duty Act, 1939,” as presented to the House, which Act provides for levying duty, on the death of any person, whether he dies domiciled in Ontario or elsewhere, as follows:

- (a) Where any property situate in Ontario passes on his death, duty shall be levied on such property in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;
- (b) Where there is a transmission, duty shall be levied on the person to whom there is such transmission, with respect to such transmission, in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;
- (c) Where any disposition, other than of realty outside Ontario, is made in

Ontario on or after the 1st day of July, 1892, to any person who is resident in Ontario at the death of the deceased, duty shall be levied on such person, with respect to such disposition, in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;

- (d) Where any disposition of any personal property, other than the property mentioned in subclauses IX and X of Clause P. of Section 1, is made outside Ontario on or after the 8th day of March, 1937, to any person who is resident in Ontario at the time such disposition is made and at the date of death of the deceased and the deceased was domiciled in Ontario at the time such disposition is made and at the date of his death, duty shall be levied on the person to whom such disposition is made, with respect to such disposition, in accordance with the value thereof;

at the rates and in the manner indicated in the said Bill and subject to the exemptions and deductions therein contained.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Resolved,

That this House approves the terms of an Act intituled "The Succession Duty Act, 1939," as presented to the House, which Act provides for levying duty, on the death of any person, whether he dies domiciled in Ontario or elsewhere, as follows:

- (a) Where any property situate in Ontario passes on his death, duty shall be levied on such property in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;
- (b) Where there is a transmission, duty shall be levied on the person to whom there is such transmission, with respect to such transmission, in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;
- (c) Where any disposition, other than of realty outside Ontario, is made in Ontario on or after the 1st day of July, 1892, to any person who is resident in Ontario at the date of death of the deceased, duty shall be levied on such person, with respect to such disposition, in accordance with the dutiable value thereof;
- (d) Where any disposition of any personal property, other than the property mentioned in subclauses IX and X of Clause P. of Section 1, is made outside Ontario on or after the 8th day of March, 1937, to any person who is resident in Ontario at the time such disposition is made and at the date of death of the deceased and the deceased was domiciled in Ontario at the time such disposition is made and at the date of his death, duty shall be levied on the person to whom such disposition is made, with respect to such disposition, in accordance with the value thereof;

at the rates and in the manner indicated in the said Bill and subject to the exemptions and deductions therein contained.

The Resolution having been read the second time was agreed to and referred to the House on Bill (No. 1).

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 1), The Succession Duty Act, 1939, having been read,

And a Debate having arisen, after some time, the Motion having been put, was carried on the following recorded Vote:—

YEAS

Acres	Dunbar	Lampont
Armstrong	Duncan	Leduc
Arnott	Elgie	Macaulay
Baird	Elliott	Macfie
Ballantyne	Fairbank	MacKay
Begin	Freeborn	Mercer
Bélanger	Frost	Miller
Black	Gallagher	Murphy
Blakelock	Gardhouse	Murray
Bradley	Glass	McEwing
Brownridge	Gordon	McQuesten
Campbell	Guthrie	Newland
(Sault Ste. Marie)	Habel	Nixon
Campbell	Hagey	(Brant)
(Kent, East)	Haines	Nixon
Carr	Heenan	(Temiskaming)
Challies	Henry	Oliver
Cholette	Hepburn	Patterson
Conacher	(Prince Edward-Lennox)	Reynolds
Conant	Hepburn	Roebuck
Cooper	(Elgin)	Simpson
Croome	Hipel	Sinclair
Cross	Houck	Smith
Dewan	Hunter	Spence
Dickson	Kelly	Stewart
Doucett	Kidd	Summerville
Downer	King	Trottier
Drew	Kirby	Welsh—79.
Duckworth		

NAYS—0

And the Bill was accordingly read the second time and was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.11 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1939

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 2), The Public Works Protection Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 3), The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 4), The Corporations Tax Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 5), The Mining Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 6), The Organization of Resources Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 7), The Execution of Trusts Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 9), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Bill (No. 10), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Bill (No. 11), The Vacant Land Cultivation Amendment Act, 1939.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 14), An Act to amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Mr. Roebuck moved that the Bill be now read a second time,

And the Motion having been put was declared to be lost.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 13), An Act to amend The Voters Lists Act, having been read,

Mr. Roebuck moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was declared to be lost.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 12), The Power Control Act, 1939, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 1), The Succession Duty Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1939

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions.

Bill (No. 12), The Power Control Act, 1939.

The Prime Minister tabled a memorandum prepared by the Succession Duty Branch giving particulars of thirty estates, the assessment of which for taxation under the Succession Duty Act had been re-opened for further investigation and on which additional taxes had been collected. (*Sessional Paper No. 55.*)

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 1), The Succession Duty Act, 1939, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Patterson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 1), The Succession Duty Act, 1939, having been read, Mr. Conant moved, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Drew moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Challies, That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be read a third time six months hence."

The Amendment having been put was declared to be lost.

The Motion for the Third Reading of the Bill was then put and declared to be carried and the Bill was accordingly read a third time and was passed.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and being seated upon the Throne,

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:—

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province has at its present Sittings thereof passed several Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Acts that had passed severally as follows:—

Bill (No. 1), The Succession Duty Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 2), The Public Works Protection Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 3), The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 4), The Corporations Tax Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 5), The Mining Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 6), The Organization of Resources Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 7), The Execution of Trusts Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting Public Meetings and Public Processions.

Bill (No. 9), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Bill (No. 10), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1939 (No. 2).

Bill (No. 11), The Vacant Land Cultivation Amendment Act, 1939.

Bill (No. 12), The Power Control Act, 1939.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

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

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to deliver the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

Three days ago, this Assembly met to consider the several important measures of legislation which you have just heard read. The dispatch with which you have concluded your deliberations is gratifying not only to me as His Majesty’s representative in Ontario, but also, I am quite sure, to our citizens generally throughout the Province.

It is an indication once again to the outside world that when a grave emergency arises, our people are prepared to sink minor political differences and unite solidly in defense of our liberty and democratic institutions.

The measures you have passed will enable my Ministers to proceed immediately with those activities incidental to War, which come within Provincial jurisdiction.

In time of war any Government is beset with many difficulties and problems, and it is my earnest wish that as you go back to your respective Constituencies, you will endeavour in every possible way to promote among the citizens you represent that unity of feeling and desire for service which you have displayed in this Chamber.

We are now engaged in a life and death struggle with a boastful, arrogant enemy who would ruthlessly crush out all personal, civil, and religious freedom. No one who has followed events of the past few years can doubt that. He must be decisively defeated if we are to preserve all those things we hold most dear.

In bringing your deliberations to a close, therefore, I wish to thank you for the emergency legislation you have passed, and I trust that in the months that lie ahead, Divine Providence will guide us to victory and along the pathway of a righteous peace.

The Provincial Secretary then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is the will and pleasure of The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.