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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1951

PROCLAMATION

RAY LAWSON

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.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our Province of Ontario and to every of you,—GREETING.

DANA PORTER, } *Attorney-General.* } WHEREAS it is expedient for the purpose of Ontario to confirm and supplement an Act to be passed by the Parliament of Canada to extend the operations of The Old Age Pensions Act, to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario, WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of September now next, at Our City of Toronto, personally be and appear for the actual Despatch of Business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature for 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 RAY LAWSON, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Doctor of Laws, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At Our City of Toronto in Our said Province this sixth day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

ARTHUR WELSH,
Provincial Secretary.

Monday, the twenty-fourth day of September, 1951, being the first day of the Fourth Session of the Twenty-third Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Ray Lawson, O.B.E., LL.D., 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 Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am happy to extend to each of you my greetings on the occasion of this special session of the Twenty-third Legislature of Ontario.

It is with deep regret we learn of the illness of His Majesty, The King. In the heavy duties of his high office he has given of himself unsparingly. We all pray that he may be completely restored to health and be long spared to reign over his people who hold him in the deepest of respect and affection.

This session of the Legislature has been convened to consider legislation of far reaching effect for our people and its deliberations will be historic.

Last December representatives of the Government of Canada and all of 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

of our 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.

This special session has been called for the purpose of considering legislation which if approved will enable my Government to enter into appropriate agreements with the Government of Canada under which the Province will participate in making financial assistance available, as contemplated in those agreements, to those of our citizens who come within the age group of sixty-five to sixty-nine years.

It is the desire of my Government that the citizens of our Province will benefit fully commencing January 1st, 1952, under the Federal-Provincial agreement. You will also be asked to consider the extension of certain health services to Old Age Pensioners, to those receiving assistance, and to all needy blind persons who are twenty-one years of age and over.

I express the wish that your deliberation and decisions in regard to the matters which come before you will be guided by Divine Providence.

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

PRAYERS.

3.10 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker then reported,

That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Jolliffe,

Resolved, That the members of this Legislative Assembly have learned with feelings of profound sorrow of the serious illness of His Majesty the King, and are desirous of giving expression to their sentiments of affection and devotion to our gracious Sovereign; and the Members of this Legislature do humbly pray that it may please The Almighty to restore His Majesty to health and strength and that he may long be spared to give guidance to His People and the Nation.

Mr. Speaker then made the following prayer:—

Almighty God, the giver of life, and health, by whose hands all men are created, we Thy servants humbly implore Thy mercy and goodness for the restoration and safe-keeping of our Sovereign Lord King George. Give we pray Thee to those who minister to him skill and wisdom, understanding and knowledge that if it be Thy gracious will he may be granted further service in his day

and generation to the well-being of us his subjects and to the added extension of Thy wisdom among all men. Give him patience in his suffering, faith in his trial and a happy issue out of all his affliction, and this we beg through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Great Physician of body and soul. Amen.

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time to-morrow:—

Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance. *Mr. Goodfellow.*

Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons. *Mr. Goodfellow.*

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Doucett,

Ordered, That, during the present session of the Assembly, provision be made for taking of stenographic reports of debates and speeches and to that end that Mr. Speaker be authorized to employ the necessary stenographers at such rates of compensation as may be agreed to by him, copies of said stenographic reports to be supplied to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, to Mr. Speaker, to the Clerk of the Assembly, to the Legislative Library, to each Member of the Assembly, to the offices of the Leaders of each party represented in the Assembly, to the Reference Libraries of the Province and the Press Gallery.

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Doucett,

Ordered, That Mr. Patrick, the Member for the Electoral District of Middlesex North, be appointed as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House for the present Session.

The House then adjourned at 4.13 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1951

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Before the Orders of the Day the Prime Minister introduced to the House the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, P.C., K.C., S.J.D., Prime Minister of the Province of Nova Scotia. Mr. Macdonald delivered a brief address to the House.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance, having been read, Mr. Goodfellow moved that the Bill be now read a second time, and, a debate arising, after some time,

On motion by Mr. Salsberg, the debate was adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1951

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Doucett,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns the present Sitting thereof it do stand adjourned to meet at 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning and that the provisions of Rule No. 2 of the Assembly be suspended so far as they might apply to this motion.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance, having been read.

The Debate continued, and, after some time, the motion having been put, was carried on the following unanimous recorded vote:—

YEAS

Allen	Grummett	McEwing
Baxter	Hall	McMillan
Brown	Hanna	McPhee
Calder	Harvey	Nault
Cathcart	(Sault Ste. Marie)	Newman
Cecile	Harvey	Nixon
Challies	(Nipissing)	Oliver
Chartrand	Houck	Park
Cox	Hunt	Parry
Daley	Isley	Phillips
Dempsey	Janes	Porter
Dennison	Johnston	Pringle
Dent	(Parry Sound)	Pryde
Doucett	Johnston	Rea
Dowling	(Simcoe Centre)	Reynolds
Downer	Jolliffe	Robinson
Dunbar	Kennedy	Robson
Easton	Leavens	Salsberg
Edwards	Leger	Sandercock
Fell	Mackenzie	Scott (Peterborough)
Foote	MacLeod	
Foster	Macphail	
Frost	Martin	Scott (Beaches)
Fullerton	Millard	
Gemmell	Morrow	Stewart
Goodfellow	Murdoch	Taylor
Gordon	McDonald	Temple

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

The following Bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House:—

Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions and certain Bills.

Mr. Frost acquainted the House that the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Stewart reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved,

That,

- (a) the Minister of Public Welfare, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, make an agreement with the Minister of National Health and Welfare on behalf of the Government of Canada to provide for the payment by Canada to Ontario in accordance with *The Old Age Assistance Act* (Canada) and the regulations made under it of amounts in respect of assistance paid by Ontario pursuant to this Act and the regulations, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, 50 per cent of \$40 monthly or of the amount of assistance paid by Ontario monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser; and
- (b) old age assistance shall be exempt from provincial and municipal taxes; and
- (c) assistance and the expenses of administration and the cost of providing medical and dental services to recipients of old age assistance shall be paid.

as provided by Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance.

Resolved,

That,

- (a) the Minister of Public Welfare, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, make an agreement with the Minister of National Health and Welfare on behalf of the Government of Canada to provide for the payment by Canada to Ontario in accordance with *The Blind Persons Act* (Canada) and the regulations made under it of amounts in respect of allowances paid by Ontario pursuant to this Act and the regulations, not exceeding in respect of any recipient, 75 per cent of \$40 monthly or of the amount of allowance paid by Ontario monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser; and
- (b) allowances shall be exempt from provincial and municipal taxes; and
- (c) allowances and the expenses of administration and the cost of providing medical and dental services to recipients of allowances shall be paid.

as provided by Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

Also, That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance.

Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and adopted and that the Bills reported be severally read the third time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1951

PRAYERS.

10.30 O'CLOCK A.M.

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Doucett,

Ordered, That the speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor to this House on Monday, September the 24th, be taken into consideration to-day.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Johnston (Simcoe Centre),

That an humble Address be presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

*To the Honourable Ray Lawson, O.B.E., LL.D.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.*

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

And a debate having ensued, after some time,

Mr. Jolliffe moved, seconded by Miss Macphail,

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor now before the House be amended by adding thereto the following words:—

But this House, while acknowledging the progress made in relation to Old Age Assistance, regrets the refusal of the Government to give due consideration to the most needy victims of inflation, and in particular its refusal to make any provision for a cost-of-living supplement or adequate health services.

The Debate was resumed and, after some time,

Mr. McLeod moved, seconded by Mr. Salsberg,

That the Amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor now before the House be amended by striking out all the words after the word "government" in the second line and substituting therefore the following:—

"to make provision for the most needy victims of inflation and in particular its refusal to use its ample revenues to restore the \$10 monthly supplement and provide adequate health services for our senior citizens."

So that the Amendment as amended shall read:—

"But this House, while acknowledging progress made in relation to old age assistance, regrets the refusal of the Government to make provision for the most needy victims of inflation and in particular its refusal to use its ample revenues to restore the \$10 monthly supplement and provide adequate health services for our senior citizens."

The Amendment to the Amendment having been put was declared to be lost.

The Amendment to the Motion having then been put, was lost on the following Division:—

YEAS

Baxter	Harvey	Nixon
Brown	(Sault Ste. Marie)	Oliver
Calder	Houck	Park
Chartrand	Isley	Robinson
Cox	Jolliffe	Salsberg
Dennison	Leavens	Taylor
Dowling	MacLeod	Temple
Easton	Macphail	Thomas (Ontario)
Fell	Millard	Thornberry
Foster	McEwing	Walker
Gordon	McMillan	Walters
Grummett	Newman	Wismer—35

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Allen	Hamilton	Nault
Cathcart	Hanna	Parry
Cecile	Harvey Nipissing	Patrick
Challies		Phillips
Daley	Hunt	Porter
Dempsey	Janes	Pringle
Dent	Johnston (Parry Sound)	Pryde
Doucett		Rea
Downer	Johnston (Simcoe Centre)	Robson
Dunbar		Sandercock
Edwards	Kennedy	Scott (Peterborough)
Foote	Leger	Stewart
Frost	Mackenzie	Thomas (Elgin)
Fullerton	Martin	Villeneuve
Gemmell	Morrow	Welsh
Goodfellow	Murdoch	
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Hall	McPhee	

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And it was,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, as follows:—

*To the Honourable Ray Lawson, O.B.E., LL.D.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.*

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

The Address, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor by those Members of this House who are Members of the Executive Council.

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

Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance.

Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province 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 two 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 Bills that had passed as follows:—

"The following are the Titles of the Bills to which Your Honour's Assent is prayed:—

Bill No. 1, An Act respecting Old Age Assistance.

Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

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

"In His Majesty's name, the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is my duty to prorogue this special session of the Twenty-third Legislature of the Province of Ontario. I wish to thank you in the name of His Majesty for your loyal attention to the business of the people of this Province.

We again pray that His Majesty, The King, will be restored to health and long spared. It is gratifying to learn that his condition is improving, and, with all of his loyal subjects, we hope fervently that he will pass successfully the imminent critical stage of his illness. Our sympathy and affection go to all members of the Royal Family and we pray that they may be spared, so far as can be, the great anxieties of their high public office.

During this special session you have passed two measures of great significance to the well-being and security of our people. Under these measures my Government may now enter into formal agreements with the Government of Canada which will provide financial assistance to those of our citizens between the ages of sixty-five and seventy years who require it. A new form of assistance in co-operation with the Government of Canada will become available to those persons afflicted with blindness, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-five years who may be facing difficult financial problems.

These two measures implement decisions arrived at by the Federal and Provincial Governments in a spirit which recognizes, and amplifies, the conception of unity of purpose within all of the people of Canada. These measures become an integral part, with the universal old age pension, of a great programme of national security.

Provision has also been made for the appropriation of public funds for the purposes of these measures, for which I express my thanks.

May I thank you also for your loyal service to our people and I am confident that under the guidance of Divine Providence the security of the people of this Province, and indeed of the people of the whole of Canada, will be strengthened.

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.