

My Advisers, realizing that there are men and women who in their old age have fallen upon hard times and who, owing to their incapacity to meet the requirements of modern life, are brought before the Courts, propose to introduce legislation to enable Magistrates to avoid the necessity of committing such unfortunate people to prison, and to provide a discretionary power to send them to some suitable institution, where they may spend their declining years in pleasant surroundings.

Bills will be laid before you dealing with relief of unemployment, land, river-protection, land-drainage, rating of farm lands in boroughs, bank and other holidays, and town-planning.

I commend these various matters to your careful attention, and I earnestly hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations to the furtherance of the welfare of the Dominion.

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