

Advisers. The recommendations contained in the Second Section of the Report of the Unemployment Committee appointed in October, 1928, have been carefully studied. Proposals, which it is confidently hoped will result in considerably relieving, if not wholly overcoming, the hardships arising from unemployment will be brought down at an early date.

Having regard to the present difficult economic conditions and the prevalence of unemployment in the Dominion, my Ministers are of the opinion that the restrictions now in force in connection with assisted immigration must be continued.

During the recess a Commission was set up for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the statutes relating to compensation for accidents to workers, and as a result my Ministers intend to submit to Parliament proposals for extending the scope of existing legislation, thereby providing improved conditions for those workers who suffer injury in the course of their employment.

A special Committee has been investigating the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, and it is anticipated that its recommendations will aim at removing certain anomalies and also effecting general improvements in this branch of the law.

A Commission was also set up during the recess to inquire into the position of physically incapacitated soldiers. This Commission has reported to me, and its recommendations have been referred to my Ministers for their careful consideration. Proposals will be submitted by my Advisers to promote the welfare of disabled ex-soldiers.

The present law relating to companies has long been out of date, and my Ministers hope that it will be possible to introduce during the session a consolidating and amending measure, based on the Imperial Companies Act, 1929, with such adaptations and modifications as may be considered necessary to suit local conditions. To facilitate the preparation of such a measure the Government has recently appointed a special advisory committee containing representatives of the professions of law and accountancy as well as of general commercial interests.

Consolidating and amending Bills will be submitted for your consideration dealing with Municipal Corporations, Land-drainage and River Boards, and with the slaughtering and inspection of stock intended for human consumption.

Bills will also be introduced to amend the existing laws relating to judicature, Coroners, apprentices, births and deaths registration, public works, Native lands, offenders probation, and Borstal institutions.

While sharing your zeal to enhance the prosperity of the Dominion, I earnestly pray that the discharge of your responsible duties may be guided by Divine Providence and may promote the well-being of New Zealand and its people.

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