

My Minister of Agriculture is giving full consideration to measures necessary for the improvement of the farming industry and the protection of stock.

During the recess my Minister of Justice and Attorney-General has considered the matter of law reform, with a view to correcting anomalies in the law and ensuring that it should be adequate to meet the needs of justice in the light of modern conditions. With this objective a representative Law Revision Committee has been constituted.

My Advisers propose to lay before you amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, providing for an extension of the definition of "industry." You will also be asked to extend, for a further period, the operation of the Fair Rents Act, 1936.

A Bill will be introduced for your consideration setting up a Standards Institute, on the lines adopted in Great Britain and other countries, with the object of co-operating with industry and commerce in the establishment of commodity standards where this would be helpful.

Bills will also be submitted for your consideration amending the Coal-mines Act, 1925, the Mining Act, 1926, the Stone-quarries Act, 1910, the Municipal Corporations Act, 1933, as well as measures concerning the duration of Parliament, an alteration in the day of the celebration of His Majesty's birthday, the centennial of New Zealand in 1940, an adjustment of the law relating to damage by motor-vehicles, and for facilitating the search for petroleum in the Dominion. A Bill providing for local government reform will also be introduced.

I earnestly trust that your deliberations on these subjects may be guided by Divine Providence for the welfare and prosperity of the people of this Dominion.