

the soldiers of to-day understand it, instead of the ballots being thrown to the Government the muskets will be turned against them; and I hold that the charge made against this House of want of independence and of awful partisanship is not well based.

The motion was agreed to.

SUPERANNUATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There is a small matter which I desire to bring to the attention of the Senate. In the report of the Internal Economy Committee superannuating certain of the staff, provision was not made as to the date when the superannuation should go into operation, and the consequence is that those servants will be deprived of their superannuation, or of their salaries. I therefore move that the superannuation of Jos. Larose, doorkeeper, and A. F. Rolph, curator of the reading room, do commence on the 1st of June next.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE PROROGATION.

After some time the Senate was resumed.

His Royal Highness the Governor General having come and being seated on the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—

"It is His Royal Highness the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate."

Who being come with their Speaker.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Royal Highness the Governor General, as follows:—

May it please Your Royal Highness:

The Commons of Canada have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Royal Highness the following Bill:—

"An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1915, and the 31st March, 1916," to these Bills I humbly request Your Royal Highness' assent.

Also An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for Military and Naval Defence.

Then, after the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery had read the title of these Bills,

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Royal Highness the Governor General thanks His Royal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to these Bills."

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed as follows:—

An Act respecting a patent of John Millen and Son, Limited.

An Act respecting Seed Grain, Fodder and other relief.

An Act to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act.

An Act to amend the Gold and Silver Marking Act 1913.

An Act for the relief of Edith Marguerita Lyons.

An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Government Railways Act and to authorize the purchase of certain railways.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act for the relief of Cecil Howard Lambert.

An Act to amend the Representation Act, 1914.

An Act to amend the Adulteration Act.

An Act to amend the Winding-Up Act.

An Act to amend the National Transcontinental Railway Act.

An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act.

An Act to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections Act.

An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act.

An Act to enable Canadians on Active Military Service during the present war to exercise their electoral franchise.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Royal Highness the Governor General, doth assent to these Bills."

After which His Royal Highness the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you for the present from your arduous duties I desire to thank you for the diligence and zeal with which you have discharged them, and especially for the timely and effective measures which you have taken for necessary co-operation with the United Kingdom and the other Dominions of His Majesty in the tremendous war which has been forced upon our Empire. It is my earnest prayer and my firm hope that the aid thus promptly and generously given will contribute, in no small measure, to that complete and unmistakable success of the allied arms which alone can bring an honourable and lasting peace.