

one, but it necessitated at the time a very lengthy address and a very tiresome one as well. The preparation required literally weeks, during which time I was not as accessible to others as I should like to have been, and what I deplored even more was unable either to rest or to prepare for the work of the session, apart from this feature, in the manner in which I should like to have been able so to do. Come now to the three speeches of the present year, the first on the Address. It was very long, but it dealt almost exclusively with the Imperial Conference, and Mr. Bennett's utterances and performances there. Most of the material in that address should have been prepared in the form of a special pamphlet to which reference might have been made in the speech, but instead to have authoritative data to which reference could be made in substantiating the argument it was necessary to suffocate the speech from beginning to close with numerous and often lengthy quotations.

The same was true with my speech on the Budget. I sought to bring out essential features, but the budget itself ought to have been riddled from beginning to close. And, finally, with the speech delivered at the time of the presentation to parliament of the report of the Committee of the inquiry into the Beauharnois project. A very few words so far as the Government's action in the approval of the Beauharnois plans was concerned would have been all

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