

munitions and supplies overseas has been seriously restricted because of submarine activities. Until that grave menace is effectively controlled there is always the danger that reinforcements and supplies in sufficient volume may not reach the battle zones. As areas of conflict close in, fighting will increase in intensity and ferocity. The hardest battles, the heaviest sacrifices, may be in the future. Only the utmost sustained effort on the part of all the United Nations will ensure the defeat of the Axis powers.

In again inviting your careful consideration to the all important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator King presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, next.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarian of Parliament for the year 1942.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the Librarian for 1942

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit to Parliament his report on the Library for the year 1942.

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1942 is in course of printing and will be distributed at an early date.

The General Librarian is grateful for many interesting donations and for the marked increase in the number of volumes received for copyright deposit.

There has been some delay in receiving publications ordered from England and the United States but the various departments of the library have been supplied as far as possible, with the best books published during the year.

The conditions in regard to the publication of French books are improving a little. While, of course, no books are received from France, more are now obtainable through the United States and Canada than formerly.