

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, November 21, 1911.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (B) An Act to provide for the incorporation of Railway Companies.—Hon. Mr. Davis.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

The order of the day being called—

Consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General's speech on the opening of the first session of the twelfth parliament:

Hon. Mr. BELL moved:

That the following address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Royal Highness for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of parliament, namely:—

To Field Marshal, His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, Earl of Sussex (in the Peerage of the United Kingdom), Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; a Member of the Most Honourable Privy Council; Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; Personal Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please Your Royal Highness:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Royal Highness for the gracious speech which Your Royal Highness has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: It is with great pleasure that I find myself entrusted with the honour of moving the address on this occasion. It

is, to many of us at this time, a most important and interesting event, the first session of a new parliament under the auspices of a new government and under the guidance of a new Governor General.

In the first place I have great pleasure in reciprocating the kindly message of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Governor General for our Dominion. We have had, during the history of our country, a succession of able men acting as Governors General, but now, for the first time in our history, we have a member of the royal family of Great Britain, and in his person we have not only a member of the royal family and a son of that distinguished Queen whose name will unquestionably go down to history as one of the greatest women who ever lived, one who passed, during two generations, across the greatest theatre of human affairs in ever growing dignity and splendour, but we recognize in the Governor who has been sent to us a man of ability, a man of administrative capacity, a soldier, and from whose presence amongst us we ought to and no doubt will derive inspiration and advantage. We are also delighted with the presence in our midst of Her Royal Highness the Duchess. It is too soon, perhaps, to pronounce, and perhaps not very gracious to suggest comparisons in any case, but it seems evident to the people of Canada that the Duke of Connaught and His Royal Consort are winning a place in the affections of our people already, and are regarded as eminently qualified to adorn the high station in which they are placed, and to stimulate the people of this country to great and if possible greater efforts to fill a more important part in that great circle of nations which some of us at least—I for one—hope to see eventually round out into greater Britain. I hope to see the dream of imperial federation completely realized, and I think it is an agreeable indication that just at this precise time we have had sent to preside over our affairs here a member of the royal family, who had had so distinguished a career. Although we hear so much of peace nowadays, it is undoubtedly borne in upon us that the true way to preserve and maintain peace and