

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. In consequence of the illness of the hon. leader of the Opposition, which I very much regret, but which I am glad to hear is not of a serious nature, I will move :

That the Address with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the session, be taken into consideration on Monday next, instead of to-morrow.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved :

That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present session be appointed for the following purposes :—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Agriculture and Colonization, which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Motion agreed to.

REPORTS.

Reports, Returns and Statistics of the Department of Inland Revenue for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892 (Excise).—(Mr. Wood, Brockville.)

The Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament.—(Mr. Speaker.)

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 27th January, 1893.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

The Hon. WILLIAM BULLOCK IVES, Member for the Electoral District of Sherbrooke, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Sir Adolphe Caron.

REPORTS.

Report of the Department of Justice for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892.—(Sir John Thompson.)

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892.—(Mr. Foster.)

Report of the Auditor-General for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892.—(Mr. Foster.)

Statistics of the Inland Revenue Department for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892.—(Adulteration of Food).—Mr. Wood, Brockville.)

Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892.—(Mr. Foster.)

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF MR. ARMSTRONG.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, before the House adjourns, it is my painful duty to announce the death of one of our colleagues, my esteemed friend Mr. Armstrong, member for the South Riding of Middlesex. This painful event occurred, I believe, yesterday afternoon. For myself, I can only say that I deeply regret the circumstance. Mr. Armstrong was one of those men who added to a long experience in municipal affairs, a very thorough practical knowledge of the affairs of this country, and, as every hon. gentleman here knows, not only was he very constant and faithful in his attendance on his duties in the House, but he was a man from whom we often received very valuable suggestions. He was one of those men of sterling worth and independence who do honour to any body to which they belong. I can only say with regard to Mr. Armstrong, that I believe, in him this House has lost a very valuable member, the people of Canada have lost a very valuable public servant, and the Reform party, of which he was a supporter, have lost a staunch and faithful friend. It is impossible for me to allow this occasion to pass without bearing my testimony to the faithful and diligent manner in which on all occasions Mr. Armstrong responded to his duties here. I trust that the condolence of our friends will be sent to his bereaved family at the earliest possible moment. This is, I think, the third or fourth death which has occurred amongst members from the province of Ontario on our side of the House. I believe hon. gentlemen on the other side have not been called upon to mourn the loss of any of their friends. It is a very painful circumstance that the opening of our session should be marked by an event of this kind, and I am quite certain that all hon. gentlemen opposite will join with me in the regret which I have expressed.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I am very glad indeed that the hon. gentleman has expressed in the terms he has his sense of the loss which the House and the country have sustained in the death of Mr. Armstrong, and I beg to say in addition that nothing which the political associates of that deceased member can say out of respect to his memory will fail to be cordially acquiesced in by the members on this side of the House. Ever since I have had the honour of a seat here I have regarded Mr. Armstrong with the highest esteem, and I have never heard any other sentiment expressed by any of the gentlemen with whom I act politically. We respected him exceedingly as a private gentleman, and even when he differed from us, as he almost always did strongly, we credited him with the greatest