

The following Petitions were severally read and received:—

Of the Lachine, Jacques-Cartier and Maisonneuve Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time within which it may proceed with the construction and completion of its railway.

Of the Essex Terminal Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of its railway for a further period of two and five years respectively.

And, of E. E. Hall, W. H. McWilliams and others, of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them under the name of "Grain Insurance and Guarantee Company."

The Honourable Sir James Lougheed laid upon the Table of the Senate a despatch from the Right Honourable, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting copies of a Parliamentary paper containing extracts from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Imperial War Conference, 1918, and papers laid before the Conference.

*(Sessional Paper No. 48.)*

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate resumed the adjourned Debate on the motion of the Honourable Mr. Bennett, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Bradbury, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to address to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Most Noble Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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 Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion, it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this House as are members of the Privy Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the First Report of the Committee of Selection appointed to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees of the Senate.

The said report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Senators mentioned in the Report of Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the several Committees with which their respective names appear in said Report, to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time; and the Committee on Standing Orders is authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required; and also that the Committee on Internal