

steps were taken by my advisers to facilitate the readjustment of business, and to provide employment. Orders in Council embodying the measures adopted will be laid before you without delay.

A Bill relating to the franchise, with such provisions as are necessary having regard to existing conditions, and providing among other things for effectually enabling women to vote, and conferring upon them the privilege of sitting in Parliament, will be submitted for your consideration.

Your attention will also be invited to Bills providing for aid in the construction of highways; for assisting returned soldiers in establishing themselves upon the land, and for promoting desirable immigration and farm settlement.

Bills will also be submitted for the promotion of vocational education; for the creation of a Department of Public Health; for promoting better housing conditions throughout the Dominion by loans made for the purpose to the several Provincial Governments, and for the validation by Parliament of Orders in Council prohibiting the importation and manufacture of intoxicating beverages, and the transportation thereof into any community where their sale is contrary to law. Other necessary legislation dealing with matters, including pensions to soldiers and their dependents, now regulated by Orders in Council, will be laid before you. Further important measures, designed to promote the welfare and prosperity of the people in the new era of reconstruction, social as well as material, upon which the world has entered, will be recommended to your consideration.

After more than four years of war, and notwithstanding the sudden dislocation brought about by the armistice, Canada's industrial, commercial and financial stability has been well maintained. It is the expectation that in addition to business arising from the resumption of public and private undertakings in Canada which were suspended by the war, and needed improvements and betterments throughout the Dominion, Canada will obtain substantial participation in the expansion of export trade following the conclusion of the war, and the liberation of commerce from the restraints which have existed during its continuance. Steps have been taken by my advisers to promote and facilitate such participation.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you without delay, and you will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for meeting the remaining expenditures arising out of the war and connected with demobilization; also for the establishment of credits for the financing of purchases of our agricultural, industrial and other products.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It is appropriate that we should acknowledge our thankfulness to Divine Providence for the successful issue of the terrible struggle in which for so long a period our armies have been engaged, and for the restoration of peace to the world. Through the long conflict, with its dire vicissitudes and varying fortunes, our people never allowed themselves to doubt that victory would finally crown our cause, which was that of truth and justice. The deeply loyal and earnest co-operation of the Overseas Dom-

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inions and Dependencies with the Mother Country must more firmly cement for all time those ties which bind the Empire in indissoluble union. The spirit born of common sacrifice, suffering and heroic endeavour will also, it is confidently hoped, permanently unite the Allies by the bonds of a great memory and tradition, and effectually promote the formation of a League of Nations which will ensure for all time the peace of the world.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

RAILWAY ACT CONSOLIDATION BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill A, an Act to consolidate and amend the Railway Act.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, it was ordered that 500 copies of the said Bill be printed.

CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, it was ordered that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That all the senators present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON SELECTION.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the following senators were appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session: Hon. Messrs. Béique, Casgrain, Dandurand, Daniel, Robertson, Tanner, Taylor (Leeds), Watson and the mover.

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: May I say that upon the resumption of the session on