

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I pray that Divine Providence may bless your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills and Government Notices of Motions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, it was ordered,—That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 63, said Committee to be composed of Messrs. Fournier (Hull), Claxton, Casselman, Johnston and Weir.

Mr. St. Laurent delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

ALEXANDER OF TUNIS:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, the Honourable D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, the Honourable F. G. Bradley, Secretary of State, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons".

Government House, Ottawa,
7th September, 1949

Mr. St. Laurent, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of a letter addressed by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Premiers of the various Provinces of Canada with respect to amending the British North America Act so that the Constitution of Canada may be amended by the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. Speaker presented the Report of the Librarians of Parliament which is as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The last report of the Joint Librarians was submitted on January 26, 1949. To this little can be added.

The supplementary Catalogue of books donated, purchased and received under the terms of the Copyright Act during 1948, was distributed to Senators and Members towards the close of last session. Mr. John Brown, Senior Bookbinder in the Library since 1924, retired on superannuation last March.