

to consult Parliament concerning some of the problems still remaining.

The long standing question of granting the control of the natural resources of three Western Provinces to their respective Provincial Governments has engaged the attention of my Ministers. Sympathizing with the desire of the authorities of these Provinces, which have now advanced to maturity, to have the same control and management of their resources as is possessed by the older Provinces, my Government have made a proposal to the Governments of the several Provinces concerned, which it is hoped may lead to a satisfactory settlement of the question at an early date.

With the object of promoting economy and increasing efficiency, a Bill will be submitted to you, providing for a Department of Defence, in which the various branches of the defence forces of Canada will be co-ordinated under one ministerial head.

During the interval since the last Parliament there has been held in Washington on the invitation of the President of the United States an International Conference to consider an agreed limitation of armaments and in connection therewith to reach an understanding concerning the political relations of the Powers interested in the regions of the Pacific and the Far East. From this Conference treaties of far reaching consequence have resulted. It is the opinion of my advisers that approval of Parliament ought to precede their ratification on behalf of Canada. The treaties with appropriate explanations will accordingly be placed before you during the session.

As the result of recent discussions among the Powers, it has been decided to hold at Genoa a conference with the object of securing, through frank and amicable consultation among the nations who have been at war, a concerted effort to repair the grave dislocations in the economic and financial field that have everywhere followed the war. The Government of Canada has been invited to participate and delegates have been appointed for the purpose.

An invitation has been extended to the Government of Canada by the Government of the United States to take part in a Postal Conference, at which all phases of mail communication from one country to the other may be fully discussed. Reciprocating the spirit that has prompted the invitation, the Canadian Government will, in due course, appoint representatives to meet the representatives of the United States for the purpose mentioned.

Members of the House of Commons:

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. At an early date the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted. In their preparation imperative need for economy has rendered necessary the non-inclusion of many undertakings, appropriations for which must await a more favourable financial situation.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

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## NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

Right Hon. Sir George Eulas Foster, P.C., G.C.M.G., of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Sir James Loughheed and Hon. G. G. Foster.

## RAILWAY BILL

### FIRST READING

Bill—, an Act respecting Railways.—  
Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

## COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That all the Senators present during the 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.

## CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered, that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, March 14.

## COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the following Senators were appointed a Committee on Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: the Honourable Sir James Loughheed, K.C.M.G., the Honourable Messieurs Belcourt, Barnard, Daniel, Prowse, Robertson, Tanner, Watson, Willoughby and the mover.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 14, at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 14, 1922.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

Hon. Gustave Boyer, of Rigaud, introduced by Hon. Raoul Dandurand and Hon. J. B. Casgrain.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

### ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor Gen-