

THE SENATE DEBATES

FOURTH SESSION—TWELFTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, August 18, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at half-past two o'clock, p.m.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Royal Highness the Governor General being seated on the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint the House that:

'It is His Royal Highness the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.'

Who being come with their Speaker,

His Royal Highness the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

Very grave events vitally affecting the interests of all His Majesty's dominions have transpired since prorogation. The unfortunate outbreak of war made it immediately imperative for my ministers to take extraordinary measures for the defence of Canada and for the maintenance of the honour and integrity of our empire.

With respect to such of these measures as may require the sanction and approval of Parliament, the necessary legislative proposals will be submitted for your consideration. Other Bills authorizing additional measures which are essential for the public safety will also be presented to you without delay.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Estimates will be laid before you to provide for expenditure which has been or may be caused by the outbreak of hostilities.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The critical period into which we have just entered has aroused to the full the patriotism and loyalty which have always actuated the

Canadian people. From every province and indeed from every community the response to the call of duty has been all that could be desired. The spirit which thus animates Canada inspires also His Majesty's Dominions throughout the world; and we may be assured that united action to repel the common danger will not fail to strengthen the ties that bind together those vast dominions in the possession and enjoyment of the blessings of British liberty.

As representative of His Majesty the King, I must add my expression of thanks and admiration for the splendid spirit of patriotism and generosity that has been displayed throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion.

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

FIRST READING.

Bill () intituled, An Act relating to Railways.—Hon. Mr. Lougheed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, August 19, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

The Order of the Day being called:

Consideration of the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General on the opening of the fourth session of the twelfth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC said:—Hon. gentlemen: I quite appreciated the honour conferred upon me by the leader of the Government in this House, in inviting me to move the adoption of the address in answer to the Speech from the Throne. I regret that a voice more eloquent than