

be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Motion agreed to.

The PRIME MINISTER moved:

That a special committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a list of members to form the select standing committees ordered by this House on Thursday, 13th February, instant, such select committee to be composed of the following members: Laurier, Borden (Halifax), Cartwright, Sutherland (Oxford) and Haggart.

Motion agreed to.

OFFICIAL DEBATES OF THE HOUSE.

The PRIME MINISTER moved:

That a select committee be appointed to supervise the official report of the debates of this House during the present session, with power to report from time to time, to be composed of Messrs. Ball, Champagne, Charlton, Clarke, Earle, Madore, Holmes, La Riviere, Macdonald, Monet, Roche (Marquette), Russell, Scott, Sutherland (Essex) and Taylor.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament.—(Mr. Speaker.)

On motion of the Prime Minister, House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, February 14, 1902.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL (West York). The very pleasant task Mr. Speaker, has been assigned me to-day of moving a humble address to His Excellency in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and I desire at the outset to express my appreciation of the great honour which has thus been conferred, not so much upon myself as upon the county of West York, for I believe that this is the first time since confed-

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eration that to a representative of that county in this House has this honourable duty been intrusted. And while I recognize my inability to perform it as creditably as I would like, or as the occasion demands, I am sure that I will receive from both sides of the House that kind indulgence and consideration which has always been granted to young members.

In the first paragraph of the address I am sure we will all join heartily. I am sure we are all united in expressing our gratitude to Divine Providence for the benefits conferred upon this Dominion during the past year, especially the magnificent harvest which has blessed in particular our great North-west, and diffused gladness and prosperity throughout this Dominion, not only in the North-west but in the other provinces has Divine Providence been kind to us in the past year, and certainly if ever we should express our gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts, we ought to do so on the present occasion.

The address naturally refers to the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to this country. We are indeed glad to know that their Royal Highnesses carried away with them most pleasant recollections of their visit. Indeed I think that no event in the history of confederation has so stirred the hearts of our people and evoked such an outburst of loyalty to the person and throne of the representative of the illustrious line of sovereigns who have guided the destinies of the empire, as this visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales. We are glad to know that from the moment they landed upon the historic soil of the old city of Quebec—that soil rendered sacred by the memories of the conflict between the two great races now joined in friendship, that soil in where breathed their last, the one in the hour of victory, the other in the hour of defeat, the two great and noble warriors, personifying the chivalry and valour of the two great nationalities in this country, now living in peace and harmony, and working together shoulder to shoulder for the unification and solidification of this mighty Dominion—we are glad to know that from the moment of landing until departure, the reception which their Royal Highnesses received was one calculated to make them carry away most pleasant recollections. And it is gratifying to our pride as a portion of the empire to reflect that although the Prince and Princess of Wales made the tour of the world, and although they travelled in countries peopled by different nationalities, speaking different languages, yet everywhere they went was British territory and everywhere they were greeted by that grand old flag which for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze.

And in all these countries, though the people may speak different languages from that which we speak, and although their religion may be different from ours, yet, from