

The International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, which has been in session in London for several weeks, has had under consideration questions of the highest importance, and it is hoped that its deliberations may result in more effective measures for assuring the safety of the passengers and crews of ocean-going steamships. Representatives of Canada were appointed by Order in Council and have been in attendance at all sessions of the conference.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to know that the revenue has been ample to cover both ordinary and capital expenditure.

The estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with due regard to the necessary development of the resources of the Dominion, coupled with careful attention to economical administration.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration of the subjects to which I have called your attention, I pray that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

On motion of Hon. Robert Rogers, it was ordered that the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except introduction of bills, until disposed of.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. ROGERS: I beg to move, seconded by Hon. J. D. Reid:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House under Rule 10; said committee to be composed of Messrs. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Reid (Grenville), Pelletier, Pugsley, Stanfield and Pardee, and that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

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

On motion of Mr. Rogers, House adjourned at 3.50 p.m., until Monday.

Monday, January 19, 1914.

The House met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Copy of Order in Council appointing commissioners under the eleventh chapter of

the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, intitled An Act respecting the House of Commons.—Right Hon. R. L. Borden.

Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the year 1912-13 (Fisheries).—Hon. J. D. Hazen.

Report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Right Hon. R. L. Borden.

Report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Right Hon. R. L. Borden.

Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. Robert Rogers.

Report of the Department of Labour for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. T. W. Crothers.

Report on Strikes and Lockouts for the period from 1901 to 1912.—Hon. T. W. Crothers.

Sixth Report of the Registrar of Boards of Conciliation and Investigation of the proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907, for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. T. W. Crothers.

Report of the Ottawa Improvement Commission for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Report of the Auditor General for the year ended March 31, 1913, volume iii.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Governor General's Warrants issued since the last session of Parliament.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Superannuation and Retiring Allowances in the Civil Service for the year ended December 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Copy of Order in Council making award of pensions and gratuities to officers of the Royal Canadian Navy.—Hon. W. T. White.

List of Shareholders of Chartered Banks of the Dominion of Canada for the year ended December 31, 1912.—Hon. W. T. White.

Public Accounts of Canada for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Temporary Loans since March 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Treasury Bills discounted since March 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Civil Service Insurance for the year ended March 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Expenditure on account of Miscellaneous Unforeseen Expenses from April 1, 1913, to January 14, 1914, in accordance with the Appropriation Act of 1913-14.—Hon. W. T. White.