

Canada without the approval of Parliament. Authenticated copies will be placed before you without delay for your consideration.

In addition you will be asked to direct your attention to other measures, including those rendered immediately necessary by the approaching return of peace and by the terms of the Peace Treaty.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Estimates will be laid before you making such financial provision as may be required in connection with the Peace Treaty and for other purposes.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

For more than five years the world has endured the devastation and horror of war forced upon it by an intolerable spirit and purpose of aggression. Fortunately our country has been spared the desolation and ruin which have been inflicted upon many other nations; but our participation in the war has involved heavy burdens and vast sacrifices which our people have borne with an unflinching spirit. With reverent thankfulness we realize that the world emerges victorious from its long struggle against the forces of barbarous militarism and savage aggression. The labours of reconstruction may be difficult and even painful; and we must undertake them with the same united resolve and inflexible purpose as sustained our efforts during the years of conflict. To you and to the great nation whose affairs are committed to your charge, I bid God-speed in all your endeavours.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER (for Sir Robert Borden): I beg to move, seconded by the hon. Mr. Reid, that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER moved:

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 Messieurs Reid (Grenville), McKenzie, Calder, McCoig, Middlebro and Robb, and that that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT.

Joint report of the librarians of Parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SERJEANT-AT-ARMS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Serjeant-at-Arms, with my approval has appointed Louis [Mr. Speaker.]

Charles Panet, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of Parliament.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 3.27 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT IGNACE PADEREWSKI.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to communicate to the House a cablegram which I have just received from the President of the Republic of Poland. The text is in French, and I shall ask the Assistant Clerk to read it; in the meantime I have a translation, which is as follows:

Varsovia, Poland, September 2nd, 1919.

To the Speaker,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

In the solemn moment when the first stone of the new Canadian Parliament building is laid, I have the honour to express to you, on behalf of free and resurrected Poland, my most hearty wishes for the prosperity of Canada during the era of peace inaugurated by the Paris conference. We are deeply convinced that the bonds of amity which united our soldiers on the field of battle will be more and more tightened in the pacific task undertaken for the good of our nations and the happiness of humanity.

I. J. Paderewski.

The Assistant Clerk read, in French, the communication as follows:

Varsovie, Septembre 2, 1919.

The Speaker, House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Au moment solennel où est posée la première pierre du nouveau Parlement Canadien, j'ai l'honneur de vous exprimer, au nom de la Pologne ressuscitée et libre, mes vœux les plus chaleureux pour la prospérité du Canada durant l'ère de paix inaugurée par la Conférence de Paris. Nous sommes profondément convaincus que les liens d'amitié qui ont réuni nos soldats au champ de bataille, se resserreront de plus en plus dans l'oeuvre pacifique pour le bien-être de nos nations et le bonheur de l'humanité.

I. J. Paderewski.

THE PEACE TREATY.

DOCUMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, owing to a misunderstanding yesterday I did not have an opportunity of laying upon the table of the House certain documents relating to the Treaty of Peace. However, I took it upon myself to suggest that they should be distributed, and I understand that notice has