
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 Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Reid (Grenville).

Resolved, That the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General, to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Reid (Grenville).

Resolved, That the Order for the consideration of the motion for an Address to His Royal Highness the Governor General, in reply to his Speech at the opening of the Session, have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Reid (Grenville).

Resolved, 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 Mr. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Messieurs Reid (Grenville), Pelletier, Pugsley, Stanfield and Pardee, and that that portion of Rule 10, limiting the number of Members of the said Committee, be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—The Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The joint Librarians of the Library of Parliament have the honour to report as follows, for the year 1913.

The process of renovation and re-arrangement, which was begun in 1912, has continued during the year.

The vaults, which had long been over-crowded, were cleared of useless material, and all the books re-arranged on the shelves in an accessible manner.

The catalogue and cards of the section devoted to Law and Economics were completed, in accordance with the new arrangements of the books on the shelves.

The authorities, official and otherwise, on such subjects as seemed likely to come up in Parliament, have been, so far as could be foreseen, collected, classified and indexed.

Among the purchases made during the year, apropos of the memorable meeting of the American Bar Association, was a complete set of the proceedings of that association from the beginning. When the volumes are indexed they will form a valuable source of reference on public questions.