Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a Member of the King's Privy Council laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Classification of the following Departments of the inside Civil Service at Ottawa, by Order in Council of 25th January, 1909, as on the 1st September, 1908, viz.:—

Agriculture, Auditor General,

Customs, Finance,

Superintendent of Insurnce, Governor General's Secretary,

Indian Affairs, Inland Revenue,

Justice, Labour,

Library of Parliament,

Marine and Fisheries, Militia and Defence,

Mines, Post Office, Privy Council.

Public Printing and Stationery,

Public Works,

Railways and Canals,

Royal Northwest Mounted Police,

Secretary of State, Trade and Commerce,

(Sessional Papers, No. 49.)

Mr. Graham, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Correspondence, etc., relative to the construction of a subway near the Kingston Junction of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. (Sessional Papers, No. 50.)

Ordered, That Mr. Aylesworth have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the payment or acceptance of illicit or secret commissions, and other like practices.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Barr have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Act. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Paterson, a Member of the King's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered), and is as followeth:—

GREY.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion, for the year ending on 31st March, 1910, and, in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons. (Sessional Papers, No. 3.)

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OTTAWA, 1st February, 1909.

On motion of Mr. Paterson, seconded by Sir Frederick W. Borden,

Resolved, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Brandon Transfer Railway Company.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.