

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

DEVONSHIRE

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion, for the year ending on the 31st March, 1918, 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.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 31st January, 1917.

On motion of Sir Thomas White, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered, That the said Message and Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Burrell, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Report on "The Agricultural Instruction Act," 1915-16, pursuant to Section 8, Chapter 5 of 3-4 George V. (*Sessional Papers, No. 15c.*)

Mr. Patenaude, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Annual Return respecting Trade Unions, under Chapter 125, R.S.C., 1906. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*)

Mr. Blondin, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—A detailed statement of all the Bonds and Securities registered in the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, since last Return (22nd January, 1916) submitted to the Parliament of Canada, under Section 32 of Chapter 19, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906. (*Sessional Papers, No. 63.*)

Ordered, That Mr. McCraney have leave to bring in a Bill, No. 18, 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.

On motion of Mr. Pugsley, seconded by Mr. Pardee,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing:—

1. The total value of the Oliver equipment, so-called, supplied to Canadian soldiers, who have crossed to England since the commencement of the present war.
2. Whether such equipment was discarded when or soon after the Canadian soldiers wearing the same arrived in England.
3. If so, what was done with the said equipment, and why it was discarded.
4. What equipment was supplied in its place.
5. Whether such equipment, so supplied in its place, was better than the Oliver equipment.
6. If so, in what respects.

On the motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Kyte,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Return showing:—

1. The names, home addresses and former occupations of all censors, decoders or other employees of the Government in the different cable stations in Nova Scotia, during the calendar year 1916.
2. The name of the person who recommended each of the said censors, decoders or employees.
3. What salary was paid to each of the said persons for the calendar year 1916.