

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you without delay and you will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for the effective conduct of the war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:**Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

Notwithstanding disappointments in the Eastern theatre of war, there is no reason to doubt the ultimate triumph of our cause. The effort of the nations included within the British Commonwealth is still unabated and will so continue to the end. Equally earnest and resolute is the spirit of all the allied nations and especially of the great neighbouring and kindred Commonwealth whose enormous power and vast resources are now beginning to make themselves felt in the determination of the issue.

I commend your deliberations to the Divine guidance in the confident expectation that they will be worthy of the supreme purpose to which our national endeavour is dedicated.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Senate resumed.

The Honourable Sir James Lougheed presented to the Senate a Bill intituled:—
“An Act relating to Railways.”

The said Bill was read a first time.

His Honour the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, had been left in his hands.

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That all the Senators present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

With leave of the Senate, it was

Ordered, That pursuant to Rule 77, the following Senators, to wit: The Honourable Messieurs Béique, Bostock, Casgrain, Daniel, Robertson, Tanner, Taylor (Leeds), Watson, and Sir James Lougheed, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The Honourable Sir James Lougheed presented to the Senate:—

Copy of Orders issued by the United States of America Government for the admission of Canadian Fishing Vessels to their Ports.

Copy of Order in Council, P.C. 560, of March 8, 1918, Admitting United States of America Vessels to Privileges in Canadian Ports.

(Vide Sessional Papers, 1918, No. 42a.)

Copies of Orders in Council issued between June 16, 1917, and March 12, 1918, in relation to Food Control.

(Vide Sessional Papers, 1918, No. 56.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned.