

consultation among the nations who have been at war, a concerted effort to repair the grave dislocations in the economic and financial field that have everywhere followed the war. The Government of Canada has been invited to participate and delegates have been appointed for the purpose.

An invitation has been extended to the Government of Canada by the Government of the United States to take part in a Postal Conference, at which all phases of mail communication from one country to the other may be fully discussed. Reciprocating the spirit that has prompted the invitation, the Canadian Government will, in due course, appoint representatives to meet the representatives of the United States for the purpose mentioned.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. At an early date the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted. In their preparation imperative need for economy has rendered necessary the non-inclusion of many undertakings, appropriations for which must await a more favourable financial situation.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King (York), it was ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of bills, until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King (York), a Special Committee was 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 Messrs.: Beland, Robb, Low, Kyte, Papineau, Tolmie, Boys, Johnston (Last Mountain), and Forke, and that the portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said Committee was suspended in relation thereto.

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

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIANS FOR 1921

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The Joint Librarians have the honour to submit the following report for the year 1921:—

The undersigned record with regret the death of Mr. Martin J. Griffin, which occurred on March 19, 1921. Mr. Griffin, after a service of thirty-five years as Parliamentary Librarian, retired on July 7, 1920. His extensive knowledge of parliamentary and political literature was widely recognized, and his loss will be felt by many users of the Library, and by those who came in contact with his helpful and richly-stored mind.

A list of donations to the Library and of copyright works will be submitted.

The Supplementary Catalogue of those books purchased since the last report is now in the hands of the printers, and will be laid before the Houses of Parliament without delay.

From the British Museum has lately been received as a gift a valuable work by Sir G. F. Warner, in four volumes, with the title "Catalogue of Western Manuscripts