

ment will be submitted for your consideration. You will also be asked to authorize the acquisition of certain railways in both Eastern and Western Canada, which will constitute potentially important feeders of the Canadian National System.

Amendment of the Railway Act will be sought, granting to the Board of Railway Commissioners wider powers of investigation of affairs in relation to subsidiary concerns, and with respect to the issue of capital stock.

Legislation will be introduced to give effect to a general pension scheme for the benefit of the employees of the Canadian National Railways.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, agreements have been consummated with several of the Provinces for the promotion of juvenile settlement from the United Kingdom. Negotiations have also been concluded for the application of a £10 ocean rate to all British immigrants ordinarily resident in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, except agricultural families, house workers, and juvenile immigrants who receive a more favourable rate under the Empire Settlement Passage Agreement. A flow of immigrants commensurate with Canadian requirements and selected strictly for their ability to promote the general prosperity of the country is being satisfactorily maintained.

A royal commission has been appointed to inquire and report as to what financial readjustments are necessary in order that the Province of Manitoba may be placed in a position of equality with the other Provinces of Confederation with respect to the administration and control of its natural resources, as from its entrance into Confederation in 1870.

Negotiations have also been resumed with the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan with a view to the transfer to these Provinces of their natural resources, and with the Province of British Columbia with respect to the restoration to that Province of the lands of the railway belt and the Peace River Block.

A royal commission has been appointed to inquire into the existing situation respecting radio broadcasting in Canada, and to make recommendations to the Government as to its future administration, management, control, and financing.

Since the close of the last Session, there has been a marked development of the provision for direct personal contact in the discussion of inter-imperial and foreign affairs. The High Commissioner for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland took up his duties at Ottawa in September. The Japanese Legation was established at Ottawa in July under a *Chargé d'Affaires*, and the French Legation at Ottawa in November on the arrival of the Minister of France. The Canadian Legation in Paris was opened at the end of September, and steps are being taken for the early establishment of the Canadian Legation at Tokyo. The more effective consultation provided by the personal contacts thus established will, it is believed, serve materially to advance the common interests concerned, and to promote understanding and goodwill in our inter-imperial and international relations.

The Multi-lateral Treaty for the Renunciation of War, which was signed on behalf of Canada on August 27, will be submitted for your

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approval; also a convention between the United States and Canada providing for the preservation of the scenic values of Niagara Falls.

Among other measures to which your consideration will be invited, will be certain amendments to the Dominion Elections Act, the Companies Act, the Fisheries Act, the Narcotic Drug Act, and the Act Respecting Technical Education.

Members of the House of Commons:

The public accounts for the last fiscal year, and the estimates for the coming year, will be promptly submitted.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

As you enter upon the duties of another Session, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

RAILWAY BILL

FIRST READING

Bill—, an Act respecting Railways.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, February 12.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. Walter Edward Foster, of Saint John, New Brunswick, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. A. B. Copp.

Hon. Henry Herbert Horsey, of Cressy, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. A. C. Hardy.

Hon. Hance James Logan, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. E. M. Farrell.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon Mr. Dandurand moved:

That all the Senators present during the 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.

The motion was agreed to.