

Mr. CHOQUETTE moved :

That this House does concur in the first report of the Select Standing Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the Debates of this House.

Motion agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY— LOYALTY RESOLUTIONS.

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier) presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows :—

ABERDEEN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, the annexed copy of a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 26th March, 1896, acknowledging the receipt of a Resolution of the House of Commons, expressing the unalterable loyalty and devotion of the House to the British Throne and Constitution.

Government House,
Ottawa, 21st August, 1896.

1425 J.

PRIVY COUNCIL, CANADA.

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen.

Downing Street, 26th March, 1896.

Canada.
No. 106.

My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 62, of the 21st February, in which you forwarded a copy of the House of Commons Debates containing a resolution expressing the unalterable loyalty and devotion of the House to the British Throne and Constitution.

It has been a source of great satisfaction to Her Majesty to receive this assurance of Canadian loyalty, and to know that in its efforts to maintain the legitimate interests of the British Empire, Her Majesty's Government can always rely upon the support and approval of the Canadian people.

I have, &c.

(Sgd.) **CHAMBERLAIN.**

Governor General.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY— INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier) presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows :—

ABERDEEN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, the annexed copy of despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 5th of May, 1896, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of the House of Commons, relative to the settlement

by arbitration of disputes between Great Britain and the United States.

Government House,
Ottawa, 21st August, 1896.
P.C. 1503 J.

PRIVY COUNCIL, CANADA.

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen

Downing Street, 5th May, 1896.

Copy.
Canada.
No. 150.

My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 108, of the 7th of April, inclosing copy of a resolution of the Dominion House of Commons relative to the settlement by arbitration of disputes between the United States and Great Britain.

Her Majesty's Government have learnt with much satisfaction the terms of this resolution, which they believe expresses the sentiments generally entertained on the subject, both in this country and the United States.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) **CHAMBERLAIN.**

Governor General, &c., &c., &c.

RESIGNATION OF MR. MCCARTHY, M.P. FOR BRANDON.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I had the honour of being returned for two constituencies, namely, the constituency of the North Riding of Simcoe, and that of the electoral district of Brandon. Under the circumstances, I am called upon to elect for which constituency I shall sit, and as no petition has been presented against me, either respecting my return for North Simcoe or respecting my return for Brandon, I am now at liberty to elect, and I do so, Sir, by resigning my seat for the electoral district of Brandon.

Mr. SPEAKER. As the hon. member states that no petition has been presented against his return for either of the two constituencies for which he was elected, the fact of his resignation will be entered in the Journals.

ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO HIS EXCEL- LENCY'S SPEECH.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the first paragraph of the proposed motion of Mr. McInnes for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I desire to address myself for a few moments to-day to some of the remarks which were made by hon. gentlemen from the Government side of the House on the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne. In doing so I shall take up very briefly one or two only of the points which remain untouched in the address of the mover, the