

The Honourable the Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication :—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
OTTAWA, 23rd April, 1896.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to prorogue the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, the 23rd instant, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

JOHN SINCLAIR,  
*Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker  
The Senate.

House adjourned during pleasure.  
The House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill (I) intituled : " An Act further to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act ; "

And also the Bill (B) intituled : " An Act respecting debentures of Loan Companies, " and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bills without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill (112) intituled : " An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively 30th June, 1896, and the 30th June, 1897, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service, " to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Sir Frank Smith, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Sir Frank Smith, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Sir Frank Smith, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen ; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland ; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom ; Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,