

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The accounts of the last financial year will be laid before you, as well as a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the present year to the latest practicable period.

I regret to state that the receipts of the current year will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to consider the best means to be adopted for making good the anticipated deficiency.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you. They have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,**Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The combined efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to promote Immigration have met with a reasonable measure of success, thus adding a considerable number of desirable persons from other countries to our industrial population.

Notwithstanding the commercial depression which, through exceptional causes, prevailed to some extent during the past year, it is satisfactory to know that the general prosperity was not thereby seriously affected. I do not doubt but that as the great natural resources of the Dominion become more widely appreciated, the results will be a healthy stimulus to the enterprise and energy of our people and a still larger accession to our numbers.

I trust that your deliberations may be directed by wisdom and aided by Divine Providence.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk, —

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

*Ordered*, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Librarian, on the state of the Library.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :

**TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.**

**THE REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF PARLIAMENT, RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—**

That the works upon the new Building intended for the reception of the Library are still in a very backward state ; and it is to be feared that two years must elapse before the collection can be removed from the present inconvenient and over-crowded apartments. The Librarian trusts that, during the ensuing Session, efforts may be made to