

able and necessary aid for that purpose. A Bill will be introduced accordingly.

A contract for the construction of the Hudson Bay railway from LePas to Port Nelson has been awarded and the work is being pushed forward with all possible speed.

It is abundantly evident that the highways of Canada constitute an important part of an efficient scheme of transportation. The necessity for improving our existing facilities in this regard is manifest and a Bill will be introduced for the purpose of enabling the Dominion to co-operate with the provinces in the accomplishment of this most desirable purpose.

It is satisfactory to know that the proposal of my government to co-operate with the governments of the various provinces in promoting the agricultural industry has met with hearty approval. The appropriations which were made last session in connection therewith have proved to be of marked benefit to the country. After a careful study of the whole question my advisers are convinced that co-operation with the provinces on well defined terms and conditions will achieve the best results along the lines of agricultural instruction. Any such policy to be effective must be continuous. Accordingly, a Bill will be introduced by which a substantial amount of money will be set apart from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of assisting the provinces for a term of years in this highly important national work.

My government has succeeded in securing certain reductions in cable rates and will continue its efforts to obtain further reductions.

Under existing legislation the charters of the banks will expire on the 1st day of July next. A Bill revising and extending these charters will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

Several other Bills will be submitted, including measures providing for increased representation of the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the Senate.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the revenue has been ample to cover both ordinary and capital expenditure.

The estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with due regard on the one hand for economy, and on the other hand for the necessary development of the resources of the Dominion.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I invite your earnest consideration of the subjects to which I have alluded and I invoke the blessings of Divine Providence upon your deliberations.

Hon. ROBERT ROGERS: In the absence of the First Minister, I beg to move:

That the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Motion agreed to.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. ROGERS: In the absence of the First Minister I beg to move:

That the order for the consideration of a motion for the Address to His Royal Highness the Governor General in reply to his Speech at the opening of the session, have precedence over all other business except introduction of Bills until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. ROGERS: In the absence of the First Minister, I beg to move:

That a special committee be 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. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Reid (Grenville), Pelletier, Pugsley, Stanfield and Pardee.

Motion agreed to.

FIRST READING.

Bill No. 1, respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—Mr. Rogers.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that during the recess, the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members:

Of Robert Francis Green, Esq., for the electoral district of Kootenay;
Of William Alves Boys, Esq., for the electoral district of South Simcoe;
Of William Foster Garland, Esq., for the electoral district of Carleton, Ontario;
Of Alexander Morrison, Esq., for the electoral district of Macdonald;
Of Pierre Joseph Arthur Cardin, Esq., for the electoral district of Richelieu.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

William Alves Boyes, Esq., for the electoral district of South Simcoe; introduced by Hon. Sam. Hughes and Mr. W. H. Bennett (Simcoe).

Robert Francis Green, Esq., for the electoral district of North Kootenay, introduced by Hon. Martin Burrell and Mr. George H. Barnard.

William Foster Garland, Esq., for the electoral district of Carleton, Ontario, introduced by Hon. J. D. Reid.

Alexander Morrison, Esq., for the electoral district of Macdonald, introduced