

its work to permit of tenders being invited for the substructure.

The exploratory surveys for a railway from the western wheat fields to Hudson bay were pushed energetically during the whole of last summer. It is hoped that a report of the operations will be placed before you at an early date.

In order to improve the facilities already afforded the public by the government railways, and to enhance their value as part of the great transportation system of Canada, a Bill will be submitted to you for the purpose of enabling the Minister of Railways, on the recommendation of the Government Railways Managing Board, and subject to the approval of parliament, to lease any line or lines connecting with the Intercolonial railway.

A measure will be submitted to you for the purpose of rendering more effective the present legislation respecting combinations which unduly enhance prices.

Bills will also be introduced respecting banks and banking, insurance, navigable waters, and other matters.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last year will be laid before you.

The estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I pray the Almighty Lord that He may guide and bless your deliberations, and that they may bear fruit in a further increase of our country's prosperity and well-being.

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

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next.

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, November 16, 1909.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Can my right hon. friend say why volume 2 of the Aud-

itor General's report has not been published? I observe that volumes 1 and 3 are to hand, but not volume 2.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Some delay in the printing office is the only explanation I have received as to that. I trust they will be in the hon. gentleman's hands in time to refresh his memory as to the peccadilloes of the government.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would have to start in early to do that.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Perhaps volume 1 will suffice for the moment.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to call the attention of the House to a question of privilege, which effects not only myself, but every member of this chamber. On the 10th November the Montreal Herald published the following despatch from Quebec:

Senator Landry made a Scene.

The Irate Senator refused to sit at the Lieutenant-Governor's Table.

Quebec, Nov. 10.—(Special).—Senator Landry has figured in some spectacular and highly theatrical scenes before now. He always loved the lime-light and appreciated being bathed in the calcium glare. Even when it has gone to the length of personal chastisement being threatened upon him, he has still enjoyed the threat because of the notoriety it gave him.

Yesterday he crowned his achievements in the publicity line by creating a scene at Spencerwood which is without parallel in the history of that ancient and honourable edifice.

Sir Alphonse and Lady Pelletier, the Lieutenant-Governor and his wife, were entertaining at their official residence in honour of the King's birthday. Senator Landry was among the invited guests. He duly arrived at Spencerwood and inspected the list of invited guests.

To his great disgust, he discovered that he, Senator Landry, of Ottawa, was inscribed to sit at table next to Hon. Sir F. Langelier, a judge of His Majesty's court in this province.

The senator for weeks past has been criticising the manner in which the Lieutenant-Governor seated his guests and arranged them in order of precedence on official occasions.

He turned upon his host and indignantly protested against being placed after Sir Francois Langelier, on the ground that he, being a senator, had precedence over and before that gentleman, whom he declared to be only a simple judge, and not a chief justice.