

The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

A united application having been received by my ministers from the governments of the several provinces asking for an increase in the provincial subsidies, a conference was recently held when the reasons for granting additional aid were fully set forth and discussed. Resolutions, based on the conclusions reached by my government, will be submitted for your consideration.

Bills will be laid before you amending the Election Acts, the Post Office Act, the Dominion Lands Act, a Bill for the more effective supervision and inspection of Canadian canned food products, meats and fish, a Bill relating to the sale and manufacture of patent medicines; and also a Bill to make better provision for dealing with juvenile delinquents.

It is hoped that the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of insurance companies will shortly be completed, when it will be laid on the Table.

The subjects I have mentioned will, I hope, receive your best consideration and the measures to be submitted for your approval will, I trust, tend to the well-being and good government of our fair Dominion.

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved that the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That Select Standing Committees of the House for the present session be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections. 2. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines. 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills. 4. On Standing Orders. 5. On Printing. 6. On Public Accounts. 7. On Banking and Commerce. 8. On Agriculture and Colonization. 9. On the Debates of the House. 10. On the Library of Parliament, which said committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament for 1906.—Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, November 23, 1906.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved :

That a special committee of five members composed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. R. L. Borden (Carleton), Mr. Paterson, Mr. Fielding, and Mr. Haggart, be appointed to prepare a report with all convenient speed of a list of the members to compose the select standing committees of the House under rule No. 10.

Motion agreed to.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR (Leeds). Mr. Speaker, the bill of fare before us to-day is confined to one order, namely, the consideration of His Excellency's speech at the opening of the session. I wish to ask the right hon. the Prime Minister why it is that the members of the House have not been supplied with a copy of His Excellency's speech. This is my twenty-fifth session here and I have never yet attended a session but that immediately on our return from the Senate Chamber, we would find in our post office boxes a copy of His Excellency's speech. I have just come from the post office now and there is no copy there. Perhaps the government at this late date have commenced to practise economy and have not had the speech printed. If it has been printed it has not been distributed.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. As my hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) is aware, not only at this late day, but from the very earliest days has the government practised economy. It is not at all with a view of dispensing with that very salutary rule of printing the speech from the Throne that my hon. friend has not been supplied with a copy of it. But the hon. gentleman knows that the government has nothing to do with that matter; it is for Mr. Speaker or the officers of the House.

TRADE AND NAVIGATION RETURNS.

Mr. DAVID HENDERSON (Halton). I ask the Minister of Customs when we may expect the Trade and Navigation returns to be laid on the table. I understand they are ready for distribution and if so the members might as well have them.

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs). For the past few years it has been customary to hand out the Trade and Navigation tables prior to the opening of the House. I think that has been done this year. I have a copy in my desk and I in-