

will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt.

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 :*

After the long protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were dealt with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any lengthened period. I commend, however, to your best consideration the subjects to which I have referred, and I invoke the Divine Blessing on your deliberations.

#### MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Louis Alfred Adhémer Rivet, Esq., member for the electoral district of Hochelaga, introduced by the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) and Hon. Sydney Fisher (Minister of Agriculture).

Armand Lavergne, Esq., member for the electoral district of Montmagny, introduced by the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) and Mr. Louis Lavergne.

Horace Haszard, Esq., member for the electoral district of West Queen's, P.E.I., introduced by Hon. H. R. Emmerson (Minister of Railways and Canals) and Mr. McKinnon.

Joseph E. Armstrong, Esq., member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the county of Lambton, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Clancy.

James J. Donnelly, Esq., member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the county of Bruce, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Clarke.

John Waterhouse Daniel, Esq., member for the electoral district of St. John city, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Lefurgey.

#### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC AGREEMENT.

Rt. 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 on Monday next.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Halifax). Before the motion is adopted I would like to bring to the attention of the right hon. gentleman (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) the fact that reference is made in the speech to an agreement between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, or gentlemen representing that company; and I would like to know if it is the intention of the government to place that agreement upon the Table of the House before the address is taken into consideration? As this is a subject of considerable importance, I should think it only right that the House should have the advantage of perusing the agreement before we enter into consideration of the speech from the Throne.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I may inform my hon. friend (Mr. Borden, Halifax) that

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the message he refers to will be laid on the Table before the end of this sitting.

Motion agreed to.

#### SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved :

That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present session be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections. 2. On Expiring Laws. 3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines. 4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills. 5. On Standing Orders. 6. On Printing. 7. On Public Accounts. 8. On Banking and Commerce. 9. On Agriculture and Colonization—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 thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Motion agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That a special committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a list of members to form the select standing committees ordered by this House on Thursday, February 13 instant, such select committee to be composed of the following members: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. R. L. Borden, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. James Sutherland and Hon. John Haggart.

Motion agreed to.

#### OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of the House during the present session, with power to report from time to time, to be composed of Messrs. Ball, Champagne, Charlton, Clarke, Earle, Gervais, Holmes, LaRivière, Macdonald, Monet, Roche (Marquette), Russell, Scott, Sutherland (Essex) and Taylor.

He said: This is the same committee as last year, with the exception that Mr. Gervais takes the place of Mr. Madore.

Motion agreed to.

#### REPORT PRESENTED.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL—SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT *RE* GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows:—