

order and industrial and commercial prosperity second to none.

The ratification of The International Opium Convention renders it necessary to obtain legislation to carry into effect its provisions relating to the sale of opium, cocaine and other deleterious drugs. A Bill will be laid before you for that purpose.

A Bill to provide for a Dominion Franchise will be introduced, dealing with the qualifications of voters and the procedure necessary to enable all persons legally qualified to register their votes.

Other Bills will be presented for your consideration including a Bill respecting Copyrights and Bills providing for the amendment of the Patent Act, of the Loan and Trust Companies Acts, the Indian Act, and the Exchequer Courts Act.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. Estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted at an early date, making provisions for the various services of the Government of Canada. These have been formed with a view to strict economy, having due regard to the requirements of the public service and the obligations of the Country.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful attention to the important subjects which will engage your attention I pray that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

On the motion of Sir George Foster it was ordered that the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next and that this order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER moved:

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. Reid (Grenville), King, Calder, Meighen, McCoig, Middlebro, and Robb, and that that portion of Rule No. 10 limiting the number of members of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

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

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SERJEANT AT ARMS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Serjeant at Arms, with my approval, has appointed Louis Charles Panet, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of Parliament.

TREATY OF PEACE WITH BULGARIA.

Hon. NEWTON W. ROWELL laid on the table of the House a copy of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Bulgaria, signed on the 29th November.

ADJOURNMENT—ABSENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER moved that the House do now adjourn until Monday next at 3 o'clock.

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY: May I ask the right hon. gentleman who is leading the House (Sir George Foster) if he can give the House any information as to the probable date of the return to his parliamentary duties of the right hon. the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Borden).

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I am not prepared to give my hon. friend (Mr. Murphy) that information.

Motion agreed to and House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Monday, March 1, 1920.

The House met at Three o'clock.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

Mr. SPEAKER: I beg to present a communication from His Excellency the Governor General approving of a Minute of the Privy Council appointing Hon. John Dowsley Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue; Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization; and Rt. Hon. A. L. Sifton, Secretary of State, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purpose, and under the provisions, of the Eleventh Chapter, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, entitled "An Act Respecting the House of Commons."

REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED.

Annual Report of Steamboat Inspection; Annual Report of Department of Marine and Fisheries; Annual Report of the Department of Naval Service; Annual Report of the Fisheries Branch; Order in Council authorizing the payment of Command money to the officials of the dockyard service; Amendments to Radial Telegraph Regulations—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne.

Czecho-Slovak Minorities Treaty; Serb-Croat-Slovene Minorities Treaty; Arms