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Friday, 11th April, 1913.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ames, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that leave be granted to them to sit this day while the House is in session, for the purpose of hearing parties who have been invited to appear before the said Committee in connection with Bill respecting Banks and Banking.

Mr. Borden, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House by command of His Excellency the Administrator the following communication:—

IMPERIAL CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN for the Dominion of Canada.

The undersigned, His Imperial Majesty's Consul General at Ottawa, duly authorized by His Government, has the honour to declare that the Imperial Japanese Government are fully prepared to maintain with equal effectiveness the limitation and control which they have since 1908 exercised in the regulation of emigration from Japan to Canada.

11th April, 1913. (*Sessional Papers, No. 190a.*)

Mr. Crothers, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 26th February, 1913, for a copy of all memoranda, reports, letters, and other documents of any kind in the possession of the Department of the Interior relating to the suitability for Forest Reserve or for homesteading purposes, of the whole or any part of Townships 24 and 25, Range 27, West of the first meridian, now forming part of the Riding Mountain Forest Reserve. (*Sessional Papers, No. 192a.*)

On motion of Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt,

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce have leave to sit this day while the House is in session, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee presented on the 11th day of April, 1913.

Mr. Borden, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid on the Table,—Eleventh Report of the Geographic Board of Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1912. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21a.*)

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed Resolution of Mr. Borden, to amend Rule 17 of the House of Commons, and the proposed motion of Mr. Hazen: "That the question be now put."

And the Debate continuing.

And it being Six o'Clock, P.M., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Eight o'Clock, P.M.

*Eight o'Clock, P.M.*

Private Bills under Rule 25.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the following Bills, from the Senate, viz.:—