

development of our trade and commerce in the near future, with the mother country and with our sister colonies.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The public accounts for the last year and the estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before you without delay.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I commit the above matters and all others which may be submitted to you, to your earnest consideration, and I rely upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the best interests of Canada.

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

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate a Bill intituled : "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read a first time.

The Honourable the Speaker then reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Templeman, it was

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration by the Senate on Monday, the 17th instant.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Templeman, it was.

Ordered, That all the Senators present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber, when and as often as they please.

The Honourable Mr. Scott moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Templeman, That when the Senate adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Templeman,

The Senate adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.