

means for the preservation and increase of fish. A valuable and friendly interchange of views respecting other important matters also took place.

In accordance with the promise given at the close of the last Session, a Commission has been issued to investigate the working of the Civil Service Act, and other matters connected with the Civil Service generally. The report of this Commission will be laid before you during the present Session.

The conclusions of the Commission on the manufacture of beet-root sugar will also be laid before you.

It is desirable that the fishery regulations in British Columbia should be examined and revised so as to adapt them better to the requirements of the fisheries in that Province. A Commission has been issued with that object.

An important measure respecting the Criminal Law, which was laid before you last Session, has been revised and improved, as a result of the expression of views elicited by its presentation to Parliament, and will be submitted to you. Your attention will also be directed to measures for the redistribution of seats consequent upon the Census returns; the establishment of the boundaries of the Territories; and the amalgamation of the Departments of Marine and Fisheries. Bills will also be presented to you for the amendment of the Civil Service Act, the Acts relating to real property in the Territories, and of those respecting the fisheries.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts for the past year will be laid before you, as well as the Estimates for the ensuing year. These Estimates have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I commend these important subjects, and all matters affecting the public interests which may be brought before you, to your best consideration, and I feel assured that you will address yourselves to them with earnestness and assiduity.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved :

That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON 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 enquire 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 JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 26th February, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, a certificate and report relating to the election for the Electoral District of Charlevoix by which the said petition was dismissed.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members :—

Of FRANCIS GORDON FORBES, Esq., for the Electoral District of Queen's, N.S.

Of ANDREW B. INGRAM, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

ARTHUR DICKEY, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cumberland; introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Tupper.

RODERICK R. McLENNAN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Glengarry; introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Haggart.

JOHN ARCHIBALD McDONALD, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria, N.S.; introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Tupper.

ADJOURNMENT.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that the leader of the Opposition is not able to be in his place this afternoon, and on account of that circumstance I would ask you, Sir, not to proceed with the Orders of the Day. I move the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 29th February, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members :—

Of THOMAS E. KENNY, Esq., for the Electoral District of Halifax;

Of FETZ-WILLIAM STAIRS, Esq., for the Electoral District of Halifax;

Of FREDERICK W. BORDEN, Esq., for the Electoral District of King's, N.S.; and

Of EDWARD CHARLES BOWERS, Esq., for the Electoral District of Digby.