

Order in Council, No. P.C. 162, dated 29th January, 1916, with reference to the Establishment of the Rank of Wireless Operator, in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, and Regulations for the proper government thereof.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

*Vide Sessional Papers, 1916, No. 73.*

Return showing the Permits issued to take Intoxicants into the Northwest Territories, during the year ended 31st December, 1915, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter 62, Section 88, by the Minister of the Interior.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

*Vide Sessional Papers, 1916, No. 55.*

The Honourable the Speaker communicated to the Senate the following despatches which he had received:—

MELBOURNE, February 5, 1916.

President of Senate:

Speaker of House of Commons:

Ottawa.

President Senate and Speaker House of Representatives, on behalf Parliament Commonwealth Australia, desire convey people of Canada sympathy in connection with destruction of Houses of Parliament at Ottawa Buildings in which the Canadian people with good reason took so great a pride.

THOMAS GIVENS,

*President.*

CHARLES McDONALD,

*Speaker.*

PARIS, February 8, 1916.

President Senate,

Ottawa, Canada.

The French Senate, deeply affected by the catastrophe which has so painfully stricken the Parliament in its Members, its buildings and its historical treasures, convey to you their sincere sympathies, and bow to the memory of Canada's sons fallen on the soil of France in defence of Civilization and Liberty.

ANTONIN DUBOST,

*President.*

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to convey the thanks of the Senate to the Senate of France, and to the Commonwealth of Australia, for their expressions of sympathy in the great loss sustained by Canada, in the destruction by fire of their Houses of Parliament.

The Senate adjourned.