

for cultivation in Canada has had the serious consideration of my advisers. Additional advertising and general publicity campaigns have been launched in Great Britain and in the United States and, as opportunity offers, will be extended to other lands from which a suitable class of settlers may be attracted. In other particulars, the activities of the Department of Immigration and Colonization are being expanded.

The time for the usual decennial revision of the Bank Act having arrived, a measure for that purpose will be laid before you.

Having regard to the recent decennial census, a readjustment of the representation of the Provinces in the House of Commons, as required by the British North America Act, is also due. A Bill will be introduced for that purpose.

In pursuance of the announcement made in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of last Session a Postal Conference with the United States was held at Ottawa in the month of December last. The results of the Conference were embodied in a new Postal Convention which has been in force since January 1st. It is a pleasure to record that arrangements were made not only for extending and improving the international postal service, but also for the conveyance through the United States of parcel mail from Canada to all South American countries.

The Government of France has graciously offered to the Canadian Government a tract of land of 250 acres on Vimy Ridge, at the site selected for the erection by Canada of a monument commemorating the exploits of Canadian troops in the Great War. This gift has been gratefully accepted, and a bill approving the agreement has been duly introduced in the French Parliament. An appropriate resolution expressing Canada's appreciation of the action of the French Government will be offered for your acceptance.

During the course of the session your attention will be invited to other agreements of an international character and significance, and to other matters requiring legislation.

Members of the House of Commons:

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year, and the Estimates for the coming year, will be submitted at an early date. A strict economy in all public expenditures continues to be a necessity of the existing financial situation.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

Since you last assembled, Canada has harvested the largest wheat crop in its history, and an abundance of other kinds of grain and fruits. May the Divine Providence which has vouchsafed this basis of our material prosperity guide and bless all your deliberations.

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

RAILWAY BILL

FIRST READING

Bill—An Act relating to Railways.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered, that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration to-morrow.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That all the Senators present during the 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 motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the following Senators were appointed a Committee on Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: Hon. Sir James Loughheed, Hon. Messrs. Belcourt, Barnard, Daniel, Prowse, Robertson, Tanner, Watson, Wiloughby, and the mover.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, February 1, 1923.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CANADA TEMPERANCE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act to amend Part IV of the Canada Temperance Act by providing for the abolition of licenses to manufacture Intoxicating Liquor in provinces wherein the sale thereof is prohibited.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

CRIMINAL APPEALS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill B, an Act to extend the Right of Appeal from Convictions in Indictable Offences.—Hon. Mr. McMeans.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

APPOINTMENT TO THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Honourable gentlemen, before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to call the attention of the honourable members present, and especially that of the honourable member representing the Government in this House, to a statement made in another place yesterday to the effect that Mr. Onésiphore Turgeon, Esquire, had vacated his seat for the electoral district of Gloucester on account of his having accepted an office of emolument under the Crown. That