PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication:—

Office of the Governor General's Secretary,
Ottawa, 4th May, 1910.

SIR,—I am commanded by the Governor General to inform you that His Excellency will proceed to the Senate Chamber this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be, sir, Your obedient servant,

LANESBOROUGH, Major, Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, and it is as follows:—

House of Commons,

TUESDAY, 3rd May, 1910.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, respectfully requesting a free conference with their Honours, to consider the Bill No. 17, An Act to authorize the Government to acquire by lease, lines of Railway connecting with the Government Railways, and any amendments which, at such conference, it may be considered desirable to make thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

THOS. B. FLINT,

Clerk of the Commons.

The Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Dandurand,

That the request of the House of Commons be acquiesced in, and that the Honourable Messieurs Béique, Power and Dandurand be appointed managers on behalf of the Senate, and that a Message be sent accordingly, informing them of the names of the managers for the Senate and the place of meeting to be in His Honour the Speaker's Chambers, the meeting of the conference to be forthwith.

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

affirmative.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright, seconded by the

Honourable Mr. Dandurand, it was

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery to acquaint that House that the Senate accedes to their request for a free conference to consider the Bill No. 17, An Act to authorize the Government to acquire, by lease, lines of railway connecting with the Government Railways, and any amendments which at such conference, it may be desirable to make thereto, and have appointed the Honourable Messieurs Dandurand, Béique and Power to act on behalf of the Senate, and that the meeting be held in His Honour the Speaker of the Senate's Chamber, forthwith.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—