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

*Ordered*, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, 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 Immigration 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.

*Resolved*, That if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and all Members returned upon double Returns are to withdraw until their Returns are determined.

*Resolved*, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or hath endeavoured so to be, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

*Resolved*, That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of the House of Commons, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, is a crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as followeth:—

To the House of Commons of the Dominion of *Canada* in Parliament assembled.

The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library of Parliament, Respectfully sheweth:

That on account of the progressive augmentation of the Library, additional shelving has again been required in the principal apartment, and your Librarian has been obliged to obtain permission to make use of the passages leading to the Commons' Smoking Room for the deposit of a series of volumes for which no place could be found elsewhere.

This circumstance constrains your Librarian once more to advert to the great and daily increasing necessity for the speedy completion of the structure originally intended for the reception of the Library. Every year that this work is delayed, much expense has to be incurred in providing accommodation for our growing wants; added to which, the books are continually undergoing serious and irreparable injury from the heat and dust to which they are unavoidably exposed in their present quarters. Your Librarian is rejoiced to hear that steps have been taken by the Board of Works with a view to the resumption of operations upon the new Library in the ensuing Spring.

He ventures to hope that when the work is recommenced, directions may be given that it shall be finished with the greatest possible despatch.

In November last, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deposit in the Library, copies, in silver and bronze, of Medals struck in London by order of the Canadian Government, to commemorate the Confederation of the British North American Provinces.

It is proposed to place these, and similar objects of special interest, in a glass case, for their suitable preservation and exhibition.