

fortified by a direct and unquestioned mandate from the people. My advisers, accordingly, having regard to existing conditions and the stage of the life of the present Parliament, have decided upon an immediate appeal to the country.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In all that pertains to the discharge of your responsible duties, may Divine Providence be your strength and guide.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."
The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.
The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.
On motion, it was—
Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, next.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand laid on the Table:—

Copies of Orders in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act since the close of the Special Session, up to and including 17th January, 1940.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarian, for the year 1939.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR 1939

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1939.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1939 has been rapidly proceeded with and the Catalogue will be issued in a very short time.

On July 31st last, Mr. Oswald Soulière, French Cataloguer, who had been in the Library for twenty-eight years, was retired on superannuation. After competitive examinations, the Civil Service Commission appointed Mr. Lucien Lusignan to the vacant position. Mr. Lusignan is a Master of Commerce of the Montreal University and a graduate of the Library School of the same University. He had also previously been a Library Assistant since 1934.