

Measures will be submitted for your consideration to further the effective co-operation of Canada in the defence of the Empire and in the maintenance of this war, waged for liberty and lasting peace.

It is a matter for profound thankfulness that Providence has blessed the labours of our husbandmen during the past year with the most bountiful harvest in the history of Canada.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last, and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you without delay, and you will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for the effective conduct of the war.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

The high courage, the splendid heroism, and the unalterable determination which have marked the united efforts of all portions of His Majesty's Dominions, during a year of unprecedented strain and effort, justify our supreme confidence in the triumph of our cause and in the lasting affirmation of the principles of liberty and justice throughout the world. I commend to your earnest consideration the measures which will be submitted to you for aiding in that great purpose, and I pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon your counsels.

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

The Senate resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Lougheed presented to the Senate a Bill () intitled:—
“An Act relating to Railways.”

The said Bill was read a first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General, had been left in his hands.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

By unanimous consent, it was

Ordered, That all the Senators present during this 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 Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Joint Librarians on the state of the Library for the year 1915.

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

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:—

The joint Librarians have the honour to report on the affairs of the Library of Parliament for the year 1915.

Owing to the partial cessation of publishing volumes of Miscellaneous Literature, the additions to the Library of such Literature have not been as many as usual.