

as the ocean terminus of the Bay route. A contract has been let for the grading and bridging of the railway extension to Churchill and preparations looking to the establishment of the necessary harbour works there are well advanced.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of British immigrants as well as in the number of immigrants of a suitable type from the continent of Europe. Steps have been taken towards closer co-operation with the Provincial Governments in land settlement, placement and supervisory work. Several provincial centres have already been established for the reception and distribution of British youths for agricultural work, and a constructive settlement scheme has been put into force for settlers of this class.

The opening of new territory by the construction of branch lines of railway is proceeding rapidly, and is providing wider opportunities for settlement.

Harbour Commissions have been established at the ports of St. John and Halifax. This, it is expected, will facilitate and expand the movement of traffic through Atlantic seaports. The volume of trade at other Canadian ports during the past season has increased. In grain shipments, the Port of Montreal attained a pre-eminent position among world ocean ports.

Much progress has been made in the development of aviation in the Dominion. An organization has been established for the administration of civil aviation, distinct from that of the Air Force. To assist in the development of transoceanic air routes, a site for an airship base has been purchased near Montreal. An airship mooring tower will be erected and a public air terminal for aeroplanes provided.

In the postal service the year has been marked by the inauguration of an air mail service between Rimouski and Montreal.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the organization of the Department of National Revenue. The final report of the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise will be presented immediately for your consideration, and legislation based upon the report will be introduced.

It is proposed to amalgamate the Departments of Health and Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in a single department of National Health and Veterans' Welfare.

A proclamation has been issued bringing the revised Statutes of Canada into force on the first day of February, and copies of the new revision will be available for the present session.

Among other important matters to which your attention will be invited will be measures providing for more favourable trade relations between Canada and certain foreign countries, and for substantial assistance to and improved facilities for industrial and scientific research. 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.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In again inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

The Hon. the SPEAKER.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

## RAILWAY BILL

### FIRST READING

Bill —, an Act respecting 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 on Tuesday, January 31.

## NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. Philippe Jacques Paradis, of Quebec, P.Q., introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Jules Tessier.

Hon. Joseph Napoleon Kemner-Laflamme, of Montreal, P.Q., introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. F. L. Béique.

Hon. James Houston Spence, of Toronto, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. W. H. McGuire.

Hon. Edgar Sydney Little, of London, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. A. Haydon.

Hon. Gustave Lacasse, of Tecumseh, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. N. A. Belcourt.

## 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 OF SELECTION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the following Senators were appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: the Honourable Messieurs Belcourt, Daniel, Prowse, Robertson, Ross (Middleton), Sharpe, Tanner, Watson, Willoughby and the mover.