

A very careful inquiry into the conditions of trade and transportation between the British West Indies and Canada has been held by a Royal Commission appointed by His Late Majesty, including among its members two of my ministers. The report of the commission will be laid before you.

In view of the Imperial Conference on Copyright, at which unanimous conclusions were reached in favour of harmonious legislation on the subject throughout the empire, a Bill to revise and consolidate the law on copyright will be submitted to you.

A measure will be submitted to you in furtherance of the provisions of the treaty recently passed with the United States on the subject of contiguous waters.

Bills will also be introduced respecting banks and banking, terminal elevators at the head of Lake Superior; and with regard to the investigation and betterment of industrial and labour conditions and other subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last year will be laid before you.

The estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

These important subjects and all matters affecting the public interest I commend to your best consideration and pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations.

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

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (A) An Act relating to Railways.—(Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright).

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, November 22, 1910.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers.

NEW SENATOR.

Hon. LOUIS LAVERGNE, of the province of Quebec, was introduced as representative for the Kennebec division.

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THE ADDRESS.

The order of the day being called:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the third session of the eleventh parliament.

Hon. Mr. ROCHE rose to move the adoption of the address.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I think we are proceeding in a very irregular way. Before the orders of the day are called we should deal with the business under the heading of routine proceedings. The first notice of motion on the paper is one by the right hon. leader of the House. If the right hon. gentleman does not wish to proceed with it, he should move that the order be postponed.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Probably it would be a convenience to the House if I were to move the appointment of the nominating committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER—This seems to be a departure from the usual practice of this House. The practice has been that in accordance with what was supposed to be the courtesy due to His Excellency, the address in reply to his speech should be considered before any of the business of the House. It will be seen that if we proceed with one of those notices of motion we are bound, if we wish to be consistent, to proceed with the whole, and the entire afternoon, which is supposed to be set apart for the consideration of His Excellency's speech, will be devoted to other matters. It would be better to adhere to the practice of dealing with the Governor's speech first.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The course I was about to take was in accordance with a suggestion of one or two of my hon. friends. I have no doubt my hon. friend is strictly correct, and I will let the motion stand. If my hon. friend opposite has no objection, we will proceed with the order of the day.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I have no objection whatever, but the notices of motion should be called, and by courtesy allowed to stand until after the adoption of the address.

The SPEAKER—The motion for the consideration of the address should take precedence, as a matter of practice. It was ordered to be proceeded with to-day.