

will so continue to the end. Equally earnest and resolute is the spirit of all the allied nations and especially of the great neighbouring and kindred Commonwealth, whose enormous power and vast resources are now beginning to make themselves felt in the determination of the issue.

I commend your deliberations to the Divine guidance in the confident expectation that they will be worthy of the supreme purpose to which our national endeavour is dedicated.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

BILL PRO FORMA.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED presented a Bill intituled, An Act relating to Railways.

The Bill was read the first time.

CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, it was ordered that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration to-morrow.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

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 motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the following Senators were appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: Hon. Messrs. Beique, Bostock, Casgrain, Daniel, Robertson, Tanner, Taylor (Leeds), Watson, and the mover.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, March 19, 1918.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

S-11

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED.

Hon. William H. Bennett, of Midland, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. George Taylor.

Hon. Robert Alexander Mulholland, of Port Hope, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Pringle.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED presented the report of the Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session. He said: As the report is rather lengthy, I shall not read it, but will move that it be considered to-morrow, and in the meantime it will be printed. It may not be out of place for me to say that the committee on this occasion found it necessary to make a readjustment to some extent of the committees with which we were empowered to deal. That readjustment is due to this fact: the amendment to the British North America Act giving additional representation to the West in the Senate, as honourable gentlemen will recall, came into force upon the dissolution of Parliament, and this session finds that amendment in operation. Consequently nine new senators were appointed in addition to those appointments which had already been made to fill vacancies. Four groups were thus created, of 24 members each, from the different sections of Canada—24 from the Maritime Provinces, 24 from Quebec, 24 from Ontario, and a like number from the four provinces west of the Great Lakes. To give an equal representation to each group on each committee involved, as honourable gentlemen will readily understand, a few readjustments. We gave every consideration to the older members who had constituted the committees, and honourable gentlemen, upon looking over the Minutes to-morrow, when printed, will observe, I hope, that no very serious readjustment has taken place. I considered it desirable to make this explanation so that if some honourable gentlemen find that they are not on all the committees to which they were formerly appointed they will understand the reason.

The motion, for consideration of the report to-morrow, was agreed to.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.