

The Honourable Senator Sinclair, for the Honourable Senator Robertson, 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.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion of the Honourable Senator Sinclair, for the Honourable Senator Robertson, 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.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion of the Honourable Senator Sinclair, for the Honourable Senator Robertson, it was—

Ordered, That pursuant to Rule 77, the following Senators, to wit: The Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien, (*Montarville*), Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Howard, Sinclair, White, and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarians of Parliament.

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

### LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIANS, 3RD SESSION, 20TH PARLIAMENT, 1947

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate,*

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to report as follows for the year 1946:

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated, purchased, and obtained by Copyright during 1946 is in course of printing and will be distributed in a few weeks.

The substantial amount of money which was cut from the book vote in 1942 has been restored, but the cost of books and essential services has increased