

to obtain the usual Royal Assent of the Governor General, Earl Grey.

On the prorogation of Parliament on May 19th, the Bill No.90, (records the Hansard minutes) was submitted for assent. "At 3.30 o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber, in the Parliament Buildings, and took his seat upon the Throne. The Members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, the following Bills were assented to by His Excellency the Governor General, viz:-

An Act to create a Department of External Affairs. . . .

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Dominion with the following speech:

. . . I am pleased to notice that your attention has been engaged in some measures of great importance. . . .

The Act charging the Secretary of State with special responsibility in regard to the External Affairs of Canada will facilitate the transaction of business in connection with that most important branch of the public service. . . ." (1)

Having performed this official act of granting Royal Assent, subject to subsequent approval by His Majesty the King, the Governor General left on a quick

(1) H. of C. Debates, May 19. 1929.