

The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date; they have been prepared with a due regard for economy consistent with the development of the resources of the Dominion.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I invite your best attention to the subjects I have mentioned and invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations.

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

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration by the Senate on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Monday next.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, January 16, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I should like to know if the official who has charge of the minutes and proceedings of the Senate could inform the House why the order which has hitherto been followed in introducing new members in this House was changed in the printing of the minutes of the proceedings when the new members were introduced last week? We are all aware that the first new member who was introduced on the opening day of the session was the Right Hon. Sir Richard J. Cartwright. Then came the Hon. Mr. Ross, then Mr. T. O. Davis, and then Mr. Choquette. As we read the minutes of the Senate, that order has been changed, and the Hon. Mr. Choquette has been placed second on the list. I think he has a right to that position, because the 'Canada Gazette' placed the Hon. Mr. Choquette second in the appointments. All four members were appointed on the same day, September 30, and the 'Journal' of October 1, printed the names, first, Sir R.

Cartwright, second, Hon. Mr. Choquette, third, Hon. Mr. Ross, and fourth, the Hon. Mr. Davis. But the introduction into this chamber did not take place according to the nomination of the new senators, and I think it was by a mistake that the Hon. Mr. Choquette was placed last. That does not mean to say he is the least, but he was left until the last. If it is in order, I should like to know who gave the orders to correct our minutes in that respect? There are two points in question here: There is first the relation of the facts as they took place in the House, and in the order in which they took place, and the other point why the Hon. Mr. Choquette, who was introduced second, was left until the last?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Because Mr. Choquette was the last appointed.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—How was he the last appointed?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—He was the last one appointed by the Crown.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The 'Canada Gazette' shows to the contrary.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I do not know about the 'Canada Gazette'; I only know what occurred in the Privy Council.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—If there is a minister who ought to know something about the 'Canada Gazette' it should be the hon. Secretary of State.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—There are other minutes which require some slight correction. For instance, in the case of the Hon. Mr. Davis, it is stated that he was introduced by the Hon. Messrs. Scott and Tessier; he was introduced by the Hon. Mr. Templeman and myself. In the case of Mr. Ross, the minutes state that he was introduced by the Hon. Messrs. Watson and Young. He was introduced by the Hon. Messrs. Templeman and Watson. These are two corrections which can be very easily made in the minutes.

The SPEAKER—I understand the reason for the alteration in the recording of the introduction of the new senators lies in the fact that I read the certificates which were put in my hands, and the certificate of the Hon. Mr. Choquette was the second, and instead of recording them as they were in-