

ence, is engaged in the consideration of a method and procedure for effecting constitutional amendments.

It is proposed to restore to parliament its control over taxation and expenditure by ending all measures which have deprived members of the House of Commons of this control, and which have served to invest the executive with unwarranted arbitrary powers.

Every effort will be made to substitute stability for uncertainty in the administration of customs laws.

The control of credit, and the issue of currency, being public matters of direct concern to every citizen, it is intended, at the present session, to ask parliament to make such changes in the ownership and control of the Bank of Canada, as may be necessary to give to the government a predominant interest in the ownership as well as effective control of the bank.

You will be asked to consider amendments to existing legislation respecting the Canadian National Railways, which will serve to afford a greater measure of governmental authority and responsibility to parliament.

It is proposed to make the present position of radio broadcasting in Canada the subject of inquiry by a special committee of the House of Commons.

Steps have already been taken with respect to the reorganization and consolidation of government services, which it is believed will further their efficiency and effect much needed economies. These will be supplemented by legislative measures to which your attention will be invited.

A reduction from twenty-one to sixteen has been made in the number of ministers of the crown.

A bill to provide for the creation of parliamentary secretariats will be submitted for your consideration.

Members of the House of Commons:

The public accounts of the last fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration to the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of bills, until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee consisting of Messrs. Casselman, Elliott, Mackenzie (Vancouver), Power and Woodsworth, be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed,

lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house, under standing order 63.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of the Interior, the Honourable Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, the Honourable W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled An Act Respecting the House of Commons.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to present the report of the joint librarians of parliament.

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the adjournment of the house, but before doing so may I say to my right hon. friend opposite (Mr. Bennett) and to other members of the house that it is the intention of the government to reserve to-morrow for the consideration of the address to be presented to His Majesty King Edward VIII expressing our sympathy with His Majesty and also our loyalty and devotion, and a resolution of condolence to Her Majesty Queen Mary. This will be the only order of business for to-morrow. As hon. members know, the rules of the house require forty-eight hours' notice of any resolution, but the rules are there for the convenience of hon. members, and not to restrict them unduly. I am sure the consent of the house will be given to permit of notice of the resolutions being handed to the clerk this afternoon so that they may appear on what will be the order paper for to-morrow. It will be arranged that members have copies of the resolutions before the debate takes place. I would ask that consent be given that the rule of the house with respect to the time within which notice must be given, be in this instance suspended.

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps the right hon. gentleman would make a motion to that effect.