

TOPIC IV.

1. Read over the speech from the throne given at the opening of the last session of parliament, and make notes as to its form and contents.
2. What corresponds at Washington to our "speech from the throne"?
3. Give an account of the usual proceedings in the House of Commons on the opening day of the session.
4. Discuss the question of the supremacy of the House of Commons in our system of government.
5. Give an account of the duties of the speaker of the House of Commons.
6. Describe how a debate is conducted in parliament.
7. What are the advantages of committees in the work of the House?

TOPIC V.

1. Trace briefly the origin of the cabinet in English history.
2. Compare our cabinet with the American cabinet.
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Canadian cabinet as an instrument of government?
4. What difference is there between the position of premier under our system and that of a president under the American system?
5. What foreign nations have adopted the British cabinet system?
6. Why is it necessary that all members of the cabinet should be in agreement on important questions?