

The Government of France has graciously offered to the Canadian Government a tract of land of 250 acres on Vimy Ridge, at the site selected for the erection by Canada of a monument commemorating the exploits of Canadian troops in the Great War. This gift has been gratefully accepted, and a bill approving the agreement has been duly introduced in the French Parliament. An appropriate resolution expressing Canada's appreciation of the action of the French Government will be offered for your acceptance.

During the course of the session your attention will be invited to other agreements of an international character and significance, and to other matters requiring legislation.

Members of the House of Commons:

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year, and the Estimates for the coming year, will be submitted at an early date. A strict economy in all public expenditures continues to be a necessity of the existing financial situation.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

Since you last assembled, Canada has harvested the largest wheat crop in its history, and an abundance of other kinds of grain and fruits. May the Divine Providence which has vouchsafed this basis of our material prosperity guide and bless all your deliberations.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that during the recess the Clerk of the House received from the Chief Electoral Officer certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz:

Of Alderic Joseph Benoit, Esquire, for the electoral district of St. Johns and Iberville.

Of Eusébe Roberge, Esquire, for the electoral district of Megantic.

Of Joseph T. Rhéaume, Esquire, for the electoral district of Jacques Cartier.

Of John G. Robichaud, Esquire, for the electoral district of Gloucester.

Of Richard Franklin Preston, Esquire, for the electoral district of Lanark.

Of Robert Emmett Finn, Esquire, for the electoral district of Halifax.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Alderic Joseph Benoit, Esquire, member for the electoral district of St. Johns and Iberville, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin.

Eusébe Roberge, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Megantic, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. H. S. Béland.

John G. Robichaud, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Gloucester, introduced by Hon. A. B. Copp and Pius Michaud, Esquire.

M. Joseph Théodule Rhéaume, député de la circonscription électorale de Jacques-Cartier, est présenté par Sir Lomer Gouin et l'hon. Ernest Lapointe.

Robert Emmett Finn, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Halifax, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Richard Franklin Preston, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Lanark, introduced by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. Sir Henry Drayton.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of oaths of office, introduced and read the first time.—Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

REPORTS

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer in conformity with the Dominion Elections Act.—Mr. Speaker.

Joint Report of the Librarians of Parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Sergeant-at-Arms, with my approval, has appointed Louis Charles Panet, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of Parliament.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

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 Thursday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of bills until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES

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

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the select standing committees of this House under rule 10, said committee to be composed of Messieurs Béland, Copp, Low, Kyte, Papineau, Tolmie, Boys, Johnston (Last Mountain) and Halbert, and that that portion of rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

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 H. S. Béland, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, the Honourable