

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is our honour and privilege to be responsible for the Government of our country in this one hundredth year of Confederation. It is our duty to govern well.

In addition to the measures already specified, you will be asked to consider a number of other legislative proposals.

In conclusion, I would end today, as the first Governor General of our country did one hundred years ago:

"Within our borders peace, security and prosperity prevail, and I fervently pray that your aspirations may be directed to such high and patriotic objects, and that you may be endowed with such a spirit of moderation and wisdom as will cause you to render the great work of union which has been achieved, a blessing to yourselves and your posterity, and a fresh starting point in the moral, political and material advancement of the people of Canada."

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONSIDERATION NEXT SITTING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of his speech delivered this day

from the Throne to the two Houses of Parliament. It is as follows:

Hon. Senators: Dispense.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the speech be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Paterson:

That all the senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Roebuck:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Beaubien (*Provencher*), Bourget, Brooks, Choquette, Connolly (*Ottawa West*), Denis, Fergusson, Grosart, Macdonald (*Cape Breton*), McDonald and Quart be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.