

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The policies and measures I have outlined are based upon the firm belief of my government that this country is soon to enter upon a new era of prosperity, and that the proper development of its vast resources by a people pledged to unity and cooperation, and endowed with courage and industry, will ensure to Canada a leading place among the nations. I pray that Divine Providence, which has made you citizens of this favoured land, may guide and bless your deliberations.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Administrator 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.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (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 standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Rhodes, Dupré, Simpson (Algoma West), Stewart (Edmonton West) and Casgrain.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Administrator:

The Administrator transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council, appointing the Honourable E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Fisheries; the Honourable D. M. Sutherland, Minister of National Defence; the Honourable T. G. Murphy, Minister of the Interior and the Honourable Maurice Dupré, Solicitor General, 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, intituled An Act respecting the House of Commons.

DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the Sergeant-at-arms, with my approval, has appointed Lieutenant J. L. Williams to be his deputy during the present session of parliament.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 1931

The house met at three o'clock.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

PRINTING OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AND APPENDICES

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I beg to lay on the table of the house a summary of proceedings and appendices of the Imperial conference of 1930, and to move in that regard:

That 1,000 copies be printed in English and 700 copies in French of the summary of proceedings and appendices of the Imperial conference of 1930; and that standing order 64 be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask my right hon. friend if these documents have already been printed, and if so, if they will be distributed immediately?

Mr. BENNETT: The usual custom has been followed. They have been printed but not distributed. They have been distributed in England for some time, as my right hon. friend knows, but I understand that the rule here is that they should not be distributed until parliament has given its formal sanction to the motion. Once the motion is passed, copies will be distributed without further delay.

Motion agreed to.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL

RESOLUTION OF REGRET AND CONDOLENCE UPON DEATH OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Majesty to express the deep concern of this house at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal; and to condole, with His Majesty and to assure His Majesty that this house participates with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever concerns the feelings and interests of His Majesty.

He said: Mr. Speaker, death takes its toll from the family circle of the King or from his humblest subject, alike from the ruler and the ruled. Sometimes we are fain to forget that those who sit on thrones have the same human impulses, emotions and sufferings as fall to the lot of all mankind. On this occasion we are reminded that our sovereign king, who is the Crown to us, has suffered a great bereavement through the death of his beloved sister. It is fitting at this time that we should record our deep concern at the loss he has sustained and the sorrow he has endured.