

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, November 29, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### REPORTS PRESENTED.

Report of the Department of the Interior for the year ending March 31, 1907.—Mr. Oliver.

Report of the Department of Indian Affairs, for the year ending March 31, 1907.—Mr. Oliver.

Report of the Department of Railways and Canals for the year ending March 31, 1907.—Mr. Graham.

Report of the Commission on the Transcontinental Railway for the year ending March 31, 1907.—Mr. Graham.

Report of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.—Mr. Graham.

Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce (part 1).—Mr. Fielding.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Are the reports of the Transcontinental Railway Commission and of the Board of Railway Commissioners in printed form?

Mr. GRAHAM. No.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it intended to print and distribute them?

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes. They will go to the committee in the regular course and be printed.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House adjourned at 3.15 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, December 2, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### REPORTS PRESENTED.

Auditor General's Report, vol. i, for the nine months ending March 31, 1907.—Mr. Fielding.

Trade and Navigation Returns for the fiscal period ended March 31, 1907.—Mr. Paterson.

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal period ended March 31, 1907.—Mr. Pugsley.

Report of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal period ended March 31, 1907.—Mr. Fisher.

### INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) delivered a message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER.

Mr. SPEAKER read the message, as follows :

GREY.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable William Stevens Fielding, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Louis Philippe Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; the Honourable William Paterson, Minister of Customs, and the Honourable William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 11th Chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, intituled: 'An Act respecting the House of Commons.'

Government House,

Ottawa, November 28, 1907.

### THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That the order for the consideration of the motion for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to the Speech at the opening of the session be now called, and that the same have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills until disposed of.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The questions on the Order Paper could not be very well answered to-day; but I presume that after to-day the debate on the address will be proceeded with immediately after questions. That has been the practice in the past.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No objection.

Motion amended as suggested, agreed to.

### THE FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE TREATY.

On the order of the day being called :

Mr. FOSTER. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, with regard to the French Treaty, to simplify matters, and make it a little easier for the members of the House, and probably people outside of the House, to understand the real bearings of the different schedules, if he could have a statement prepared, showing the different items in the schedules, with the minimum tariff, the intermediate tariff and the preferential tariff set opposite to them; and showing also, with reference to the articles on which we are given favoured terms by France, the gross amount of imports into France during recent years. Otherwise it will be a great deal of trouble for each one to pick out all these matters for himself; indeed, it will be almost impossible.

Mr. FIELDING. The first part of my hon. friend's suggestion I can readily comply with, and perhaps the second part also. Although notice has been given of a motion for to-morrow, it may be considered that that will be dropped, and the motion left till the necessary information can be ob-