
As I invite your consideration of the very difficult problems which will engage your attention in this momentous year, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator King presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, next.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarian of Parliament for the year 1943.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the Librarian for 1943

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit to Parliament his report on the Library for the year 1943.

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1943 is in course of printing and will be distributed at an early date.

The General Librarian is grateful for many interesting donations received during the year.

Our London agents have written to us that because of the acute paper shortage in England books are being published there only in very limited editions. As the British home market has priority, many of our orders have remained unfilled. All the usual British government publications, however, have been received. As to French books, conditions are even worse, none at