

Halbert, and that that portion of rule 10 limiting the 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 Thomas A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce; the Honourable J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable John E. Sinclair, Minister without portfolio, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the eleventh chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, intitled "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

#### 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 Edouard Taschereau, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of parliament.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in the interval which has elapsed since the last session of parliament two hon. members, very highly respected by all in this House, Mr. John Morrissy and Mr. Charles Arthur Gauvreau, have been taken from our midst. It is fitting before we enter upon the work of a new session that we should pause to pay a passing tribute to their memory and to express the sympathy which hon. members of this House feel with those who have been thus greatly bereaved.

Both hon. members were for a long time in public life, and both were very highly regarded. The late Mr. Morrissy entered this parliament only three years ago, at the general election of 1921, as the member for Northumberland, N.B. He had, however, been interested in the public affairs of his own province for a long time, having served in no less than three successive administrations of the province of New Brunswick, and having held the important post of Minister of Public

Works for something like nine years. Mr. Morrissy had a keen liking and a genius for public life. It is said of him that he entered more political contests than any other public man in his province. Out of fourteen political contests he won as many as he lost. That under these circumstances he should at the time of his death have had, as he did have, the universal regard of those among whom he lived, and whose interests he strove so earnestly to serve, is perhaps the highest testimony that could be paid to his sterling integrity and to his fine independence, qualities in him which all of us well knew. It is a further testimony to his name and public example that the constituency which he represented in the provincial legislature should to-day be represented by his only son.

By all of us on this side of the House Mr. Morrissy will always be remembered for his kindly and generous disposition, for his loyal and helpful support, and for his fine public spirit and public service.

Mr. Gauvreau was one of the oldest members of the House, having entered parliament as the representative for Temiscouata in the by-election in 1897. He was returned to parliament in the general elections of 1900, 1904, 1908, 1911, 1917 and 1921. For the quarter of a century that he thus represented that constituency he faithfully served the interests of his constituents and the people at large.

Mr. Gauvreau was one of the members of parliament who followed the proceedings of the House with a very keen interest. His talents were employed, however, even more in writing than in speaking. He did not take much part in debate; it was characteristic of him that he was prepared to leave the expression of views to others, and if he felt that his views were clearly enunciated that the right word had been said by others, he was content to leave matters there.

By profession Mr. Gauvreau was a journalist and a notary. He took a keen interest in the history of his native province and in literary pursuits generally, and he has left to our country contributions in prose and in verse which entitle his name to an honourable place among the authors of Canada. It is a tribute to his spirit of patriotic service, and to his example that both his sons served with great distinction in the Canadian naval service during the period of the war.

Mr. Gauvreau will be very much missed in this House, particularly by members who likewise have been privileged to enjoy a long