

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Sir William Mulock,
 Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Sir William Mulock,
 Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes :—

1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Agriculture and Colonization,—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House ; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon ; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Sir William Mulock,
 Resolved, That a Special Committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the *Select Standing Committees*, ordered by this House this day, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden (Halifax), Sir Richard J. Cartwright, Mr. Sutherland (Oxford) and Mr. Haggart do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Sir William Mulock,
 Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Messieurs Ball, Champagne, Charlton, Clarke, Earle, Gervais, Holmes, LaRivière, Macdonald, Monet, Roche (Marquette), Russell, Scott, Sutherland (Essex) and Taylor, be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time.

Mr. Speaker communicated to The House the Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament on the state of the Library of Parliament. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a Member of the King's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered), and is as followeth :—

MINTO.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons an agreement made between His Majesty the King and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, dated 8th March, 1904, varying in some respects the provisions of the agreement between His Majesty and Sir Charles Rivers Wilson and others representing the said Company, a copy of which forms the Schedule to the Act, 3 Edward VII, Chapter 71, and he recommends the same for the favourable consideration of that Honourable House. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 11th March, 1904.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Sir William Mulock,
 Ordered, That the foregoing Message of His Excellency the Governor General, and accompanying papers be printed forthwith, and that Rule 99 be suspended in relation thereto.

And then The House adjourned till Monday next.