

construction of several sections may be invited during the coming season.

The display of Canadian products made last year at the St. Louis Exhibition proved such a marked success in attracting emigrants to the western prairies, that it is proposed to accept the invitation of the government of Belgium to send samples of our products and manufactures, to the exhibition to be shortly held at Liège.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the expenditure has been less than the revenue, leaving a surplus over all charges.

The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date; they have been prepared with a due regard for economy consistent with the development of the resources of the Dominion.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I invite your best attention to the subjects I have mentioned and invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations.

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

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.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

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 inquire 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.

Motion agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That a special committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a list of members to form the select standing committees ordered by this House this day, such select committee to be composed of the following members :—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Foster, Sir William Mulock, Mr. Hyman and Mr. Haggart.

Motion agreed to.

The SPEAKER.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Joint Librarians of parliament—Mr. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER (North Toronto). Are we to meet to-morrow, or not until Monday?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. We should meet to-morrow, but I suppose there is not much object in doing so.

Hon. JOHN HAGGART. Why not adjourn until Monday?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I did not move that because I wanted to see what were the wishes of my hon. friends on the other side of the House. I did not move that the address be taken up to-morrow, because Friday is a rather inconvenient day, as many members wish to get away. I move that the House when it adjourns to-day, stand adjourned until Monday next.

Mr. FOSTER. Before the motion is put, will my right hon friend inform the House, or myself particularly, when he expects the Minister of Finance to be in his seat?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I do not expect the Minister of Finance to be in his seat until the end of the month.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, January 16, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

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

Mr. SPEAKER read the message, which was as follows :

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 Inland Revenue, the Honourable Charles Smith Hyman, Acting Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable Henry Robert Emmerson, Minister of Railways and Canals, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 13th Chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intitled 'An Act respecting the House of Commons.'