

vision of adequate terminal facilities at our great national ports has received and is receiving the attention of my advisers.

You have doubtless learned with satisfaction that the new government terminal elevator at Port Arthur is completed, and that it has been in operation since October last. In conjunction with this, a system of interior terminal elevators has been begun, which will provide largely increased facilities for the farmers of the great grain producing provinces.

The International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, which has been in session in London for several weeks, has had under consideration questions of the highest importance, and it is hoped that its deliberations may result in more effective measures for assuring the safety of the passengers and crews of ocean-going steamships. Representatives of Canada were appointed by Order in Council and have been in attendance at all sessions of the conference.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to know that the revenue has been ample to cover both ordinary and capital expenditure.

The estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with due regard to the necessary development of the resources of the Dominion, coupled with careful attention to economical administration.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In availing your careful consideration of the subjects to which I have called your attention, I pray that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

After some time the Senate was resumed.

FIRST READING.

Bill, an Act relating to Railways.—Hon. Mr. Lougheed.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, January 20, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators: the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G., the Honourable Messieurs Gibson, Bélisle, Power, Watson, Casgrain, Ross (Moose-

jaw), Daniel, and the mover, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to bring to the attention of this House a letter which appeared in the Ottawa Citizen on the 16th inst. The letter is signed 'Andrew Holland,' and refers to the question of procuring a supply of water for the city of Ottawa. In the course of his letter he says:

It makes me tired to see the way the public are stampeded by the cry of doped water, and rounded up for an enormous expenditure of money on a municipal utility in a province entirely beyond our jurisdiction in which our civil rights are to be adjudicated on under a code entirely foreign to the people of Ontario, and where we shall be at the mercy of demagogues who know how to work on racial and religious weaknesses, to earn notoriety or pelf for their own miserable selves.

I wish to protest most emphatically against this expression, and the more so as I am told that the writer of this article is in the employ of the Senate. I hope it is not true, because if the Holland referred to is the gentleman who is sitting at the table to-day, I have the greatest esteem for him; nevertheless, if he is the writer of the letter I protest against this villainous article. We all know that a Bill was introduced in the Legislature of Quebec to provide a supply of pure water for the city of Ottawa. There are other pure articles which they will find in the province of Quebec besides the water. If the writer of this letter is the official reporter of the Senate, I hope he will withdraw this unkind remark as soon as possible.

AN ERROR IN THE MINUTES.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I wish to call attention to an error which appears at page 6 of the Minutes. Last Thursday the Honourable, the Speaker of the House, informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech from the Throne had been left in his hands. Then the Minutes show that on motion of the Hon. Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was ordered that the Speech be taken into consideration by the Senate on Tuesday next.