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Eleven o'clock, A.M.

## PRAYERS:

Mr. Cronyn from the Special Committee appointed to consider the matter of development in Canada of Scientific Research, presented the following as their Second Report:—

During the course of their inquiry your Committee held nine sittings and heard some fifteen witnesses, among whom were men eminent throughout this continent for scientific knowledge and attainments. Your Committee also received and considered a number of resolutions and communications addressed to them by Boards of Trade, Associations, etc., and as well had placed before them a copious supply of addresses and official reports dealing with the subject, issued in this and other countries. After hearing the said witnesses, and upon consideration of the whole question your Committee beg to report that Scientific Research in Canada requires and deserves generous encouragement and financial support from the Dominion Government. In no better way can the natural resources of our country be made available with the same degree of celerity and certainty, nor can our native industries achieve their proper position in the markets of the world unless given the advantages accruing from scientific research and discovery.

Those great industrial nations, Great Britain, the United States and Germany, for many years have recognized the need of national research and have aided the same by large grants of public monies. Two, at least, of the three countries mentioned are to-day expending vastly increased sums towards that end, while other nations, including France, Japan and our sister Dominions, are preparing to take action along similar lines.

In Canada the Dominion Government some time ago, through the scientific branches of its various departments entered upon the field of scientific research. Under the sanction of the Research Council Act of 1917 and by means of the Honorary Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research appointed thereunder, a preliminary and highly necessary survey of the above field has been made. Assistance has also been afforded through this body to a comparatively limited number of scientific investigations.