

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, and it is as follows:—

OTTAWA, 21st November, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Third Session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. HANBURY-WILLIAMS, Colonel,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
&c., &c., &c.

The Senate was adjourned during pleasure.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, &c., &c., Governor General and Commander in Chief of Our Dominion of Canada, being seated on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—“It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate.”

Who being come, with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In opening the third session of the Tenth Parliament of Canada, I avail myself of the opportunity to offer you my congratulations on the unparalleled prosperity prevailing in all parts of the Dominion. The harvest has been abundant, and the trade with both British and foreign nations continues to expand in annually increasing volume, with every prospect of continued growth for many years to come.

The number of immigrants seeking homes in Canada continues yearly to increase, and it is very satisfactory to observe that a larger proportion than in any former year has in the past season come from the British Isles.

During the recess following the last session, I visited the four western provinces, and was much gratified to note the great advance that is being made in the development of the vast resources of those highly favoured sections of the Dominion. I found the people of the West rejoicing in their prosperity, and full of hope and confidence in the future growth of its agricultural and industrial wealth.

The quinquennial census recently taken in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan shows that those provinces are now entitled to an increase in their representation in the House of Commons. A Bill giving effect to that provision will be submitted for your approval.

In accordance with the announcement made in a previous session, you will be asked to consider a Bill for the revision of the Customs tariff.

The sanction of Parliament will be required to give legal effect to the treaty made with the Empire of Japan. A Bill for that purpose will be submitted for your approval.