

ceeding to the Front. Notwithstanding the unusually severe weather conditions which have prevailed in the British Islands, the training has proceeded satisfactorily and it is anticipated that the Force will very shortly take its place in the field of action.

The earnest and resolute spirit of patriotism which animates the whole Dominion has evoked a magnificent response to the call for service beyond the seas. Large additional forces have been organized from which further contingents are ready to be despatched as soon as the necessary arrangements for receiving them and completing their training can be consummated.

Notwithstanding the inevitable disturbance of trade which was created by the outbreak of war on so vast a scale, the financial and business conditions of the Dominion have shown great stability, and on the whole the country has adapted itself to the new conditions in a very effective way.

My advisers will submit for your consideration measures rendered necessary by the participation of this Dominion in the great task which our Empire has undertaken in this war.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you immediately and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted without delay. You will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for effective aid in the conduct of the war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The strong unity of purpose which inspires His Majesty's Dominions gives us the firm assurance that the cause for which this war has been undertaken will be maintained to an honourable and successful issue. I commend to your favourable consideration the measures which will be submitted to you for aiding that great purpose, and I pray that the Divine blessing may be vouchsafed to your deliberations.

On motion of Sir George Foster, for Sir Robert Borden, the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General, to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, was ordered to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Sir George Foster, for Sir Robert Borden, it was Resolved, That the Order for the consideration of the motion for an Address to His Royal Highness the Governor General, in reply to his Speech at the Opening of the Session, have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On motion of Sir George Foster, for Sir Robert Borden, a Special Committee was appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House under Rule 10, said Committee to be composed of Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messieurs Reid (Grenville), Casgrain, Pugsley, Stanfield and Pardee, and that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said Committee was suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—The Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

*To the House of Commons.*

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to report to Parliament for the year 1914, as follows:

During the short recess, since the August session, there have been few items of consequence to report.