

for the period of one year will be presented to you.

Measures will be submitted for your consideration to further the effective co-operation of Canada in the defence of the Empire and in the maintenance of this war waged for liberty and lasting peace.

It is a matter for profound thankfulness that Providence has blessed the labours of our husbandmen during the past with the most bountiful harvest in the history of Canada.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the last, and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you without delay, and you will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for the effective conduct of the war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The high courage, the splendid heroism, and the unalterable determination which have marked the united efforts of all portions of His Majesty's Dominions, during a year of unprecedented strain and effort, justify our supreme confidence in the triumph of our cause and in lasting affirmation of the principles of liberty and justice throughout the world. I commend to your earnest consideration the measures which will be submitted to you for aiding in the great purpose, and I pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon your counsels.

On motion of Sir George Foster, it was ordered that the speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills until disposed of.

**SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I beg leave to move:

That a special committee be 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, Messrs. Reid (Grenville), Casgrain, Pugsley, Stanfield and Pardee, and that that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

**BILL INTRODUCED.**

Bill No. 1, respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—Sir George Foster.

**REPORTS AND PAPERS.**

Joint report of the Librarians of Parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Part I, for the year ended March 31, 1915.—Sir George Foster.

Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended March 31, 1915.—Hon. Robert Rogers.

Report of the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Naval Service for the year ended March 31, 1915 (English and French versions).—Hon. J. D. Hazen.

Report of the Department of Naval Service for the year ended March 31, 1915 (English and French versions).—Hon. J. D. Hazen.

Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries (Marine) for the year ended March 31, 1915.—Hon. J. D. Hazen.

Report of the Department of the Interior for the year ended March 31, 1915.—Hon. W. J. Roche.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 3.50 p.m. until Monday next.

**Monday, January 17, 1916.**

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

**THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.**

**ADDRESS IN REPLY.**

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. ALFRED THOMPSON (Yukon Territory) rose to move that an Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General offering the humble thanks of this House to His Royal Highness for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament. He said:

Mr. Speaker, in rising to move the Address to be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Government for according to me this honour, an honour intended, I take it, not so much a personal one as an honour to the constituency which I have the privilege of representing, the farthest north and the farthest west constituency in this great Canada of ours. In common with my predecessors who have been appointed to this