

the effect of the tariff and allied factors on industry and agriculture.

While recognizing the importance of the Canadian home market, the great value of markets in other countries for our natural and manufactured products must also be considered. In particular our trade within the Empire should be encouraged by all means consistent with our national welfare. In this connection a trade agreement entered into with the British West Indies, Bermuda, British Guiana and British Honduras will be submitted for your approval.

In pursuance of the fixed policy of the Government to encourage the movement of grain and other Canadian products through Canadian ports, the Board of Railway Commissioners has been instructed to include in the General Rate investigation now in progress, a special inquiry into the causes of diversion of Canadian grain and other products through other than Canadian ports, and to take such action under the Railway Act as it may deem efficient to ensure as far as possible the utilization of Canadian ports for Canadian traffic.

My Government propose to submit provisions for the completion forthwith of the Hudson Bay Railway.

With a view to affording such remedies as may appear to be practical and appropriate, the Government also propose to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire fully into the claims that the rights of the Maritime Provinces in regard to the operation of the Inter-colonial Railway have not been observed, and that in regard to transportation, immigration, and other economic factors these provinces have suffered prejudicially, in their position under Confederation.

Your attention will be invited, among other measures, to a Bill to provide for the transfer to the Province of Alberta of its natural resources, and to a bill amending the Dominion Elections Act.

Members of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In the policies and measures I have outlined, a sincere effort has been made to take into account the diversified conditions and interests of our Dominion in a manner which will promote mutual understanding and closer co-operation between all parts. It is believed that these measures which, taken together, form a co-ordinated plan of national progress, will ensure our common aim of a prosperous and united Canada.

In their consideration and in other of your public duties may Divine Providence guide and bless your deliberations.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

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## RAILWAY BILL

### FIRST READING

Bill 1, an Act respecting railways.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

### CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered, that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, January 12.

### STAFF OF THE SENATE VACANCIES

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Senate stating that owing to the death of Mr. J. C. Young and Mr. Siméon Lelièvre, First Clerk Assistant and Second Clerk Assistant, vacancies had occurred on the Senate staff.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That all the Senators present during the Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the following Senators were appointed a Committee on Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: the Honourable Messieurs Ross (Middleton), Belcourt, Daniel, Prowse, Robertson, Sharpe, Tanner, Watson, Willoughby and the mover.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 12, at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 12, 1926.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

#### CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

On the Order of the Day:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech on the opening of the First Session of the Fifteenth Parliament.—Hon. Mr. Lewis.