



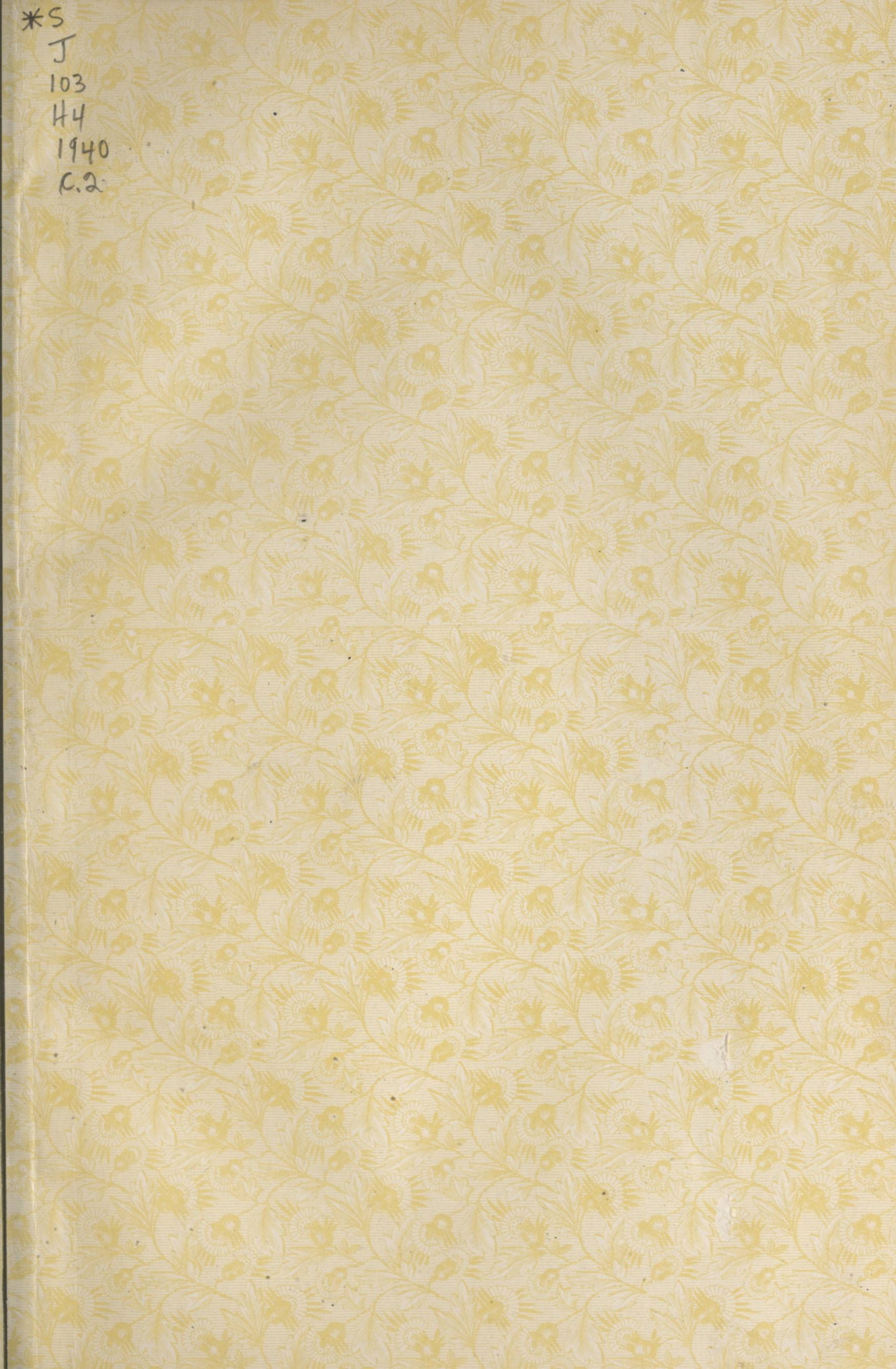
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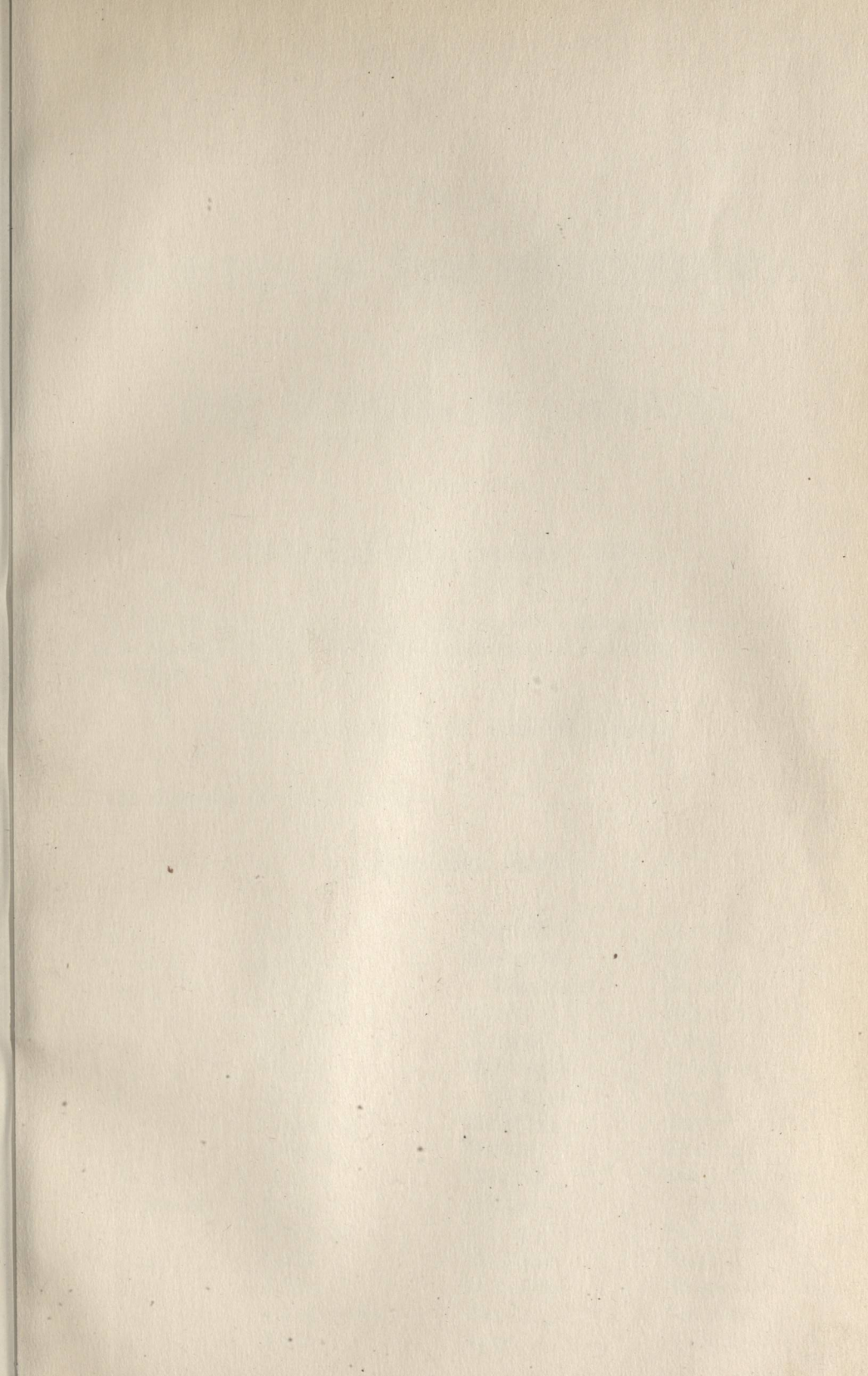
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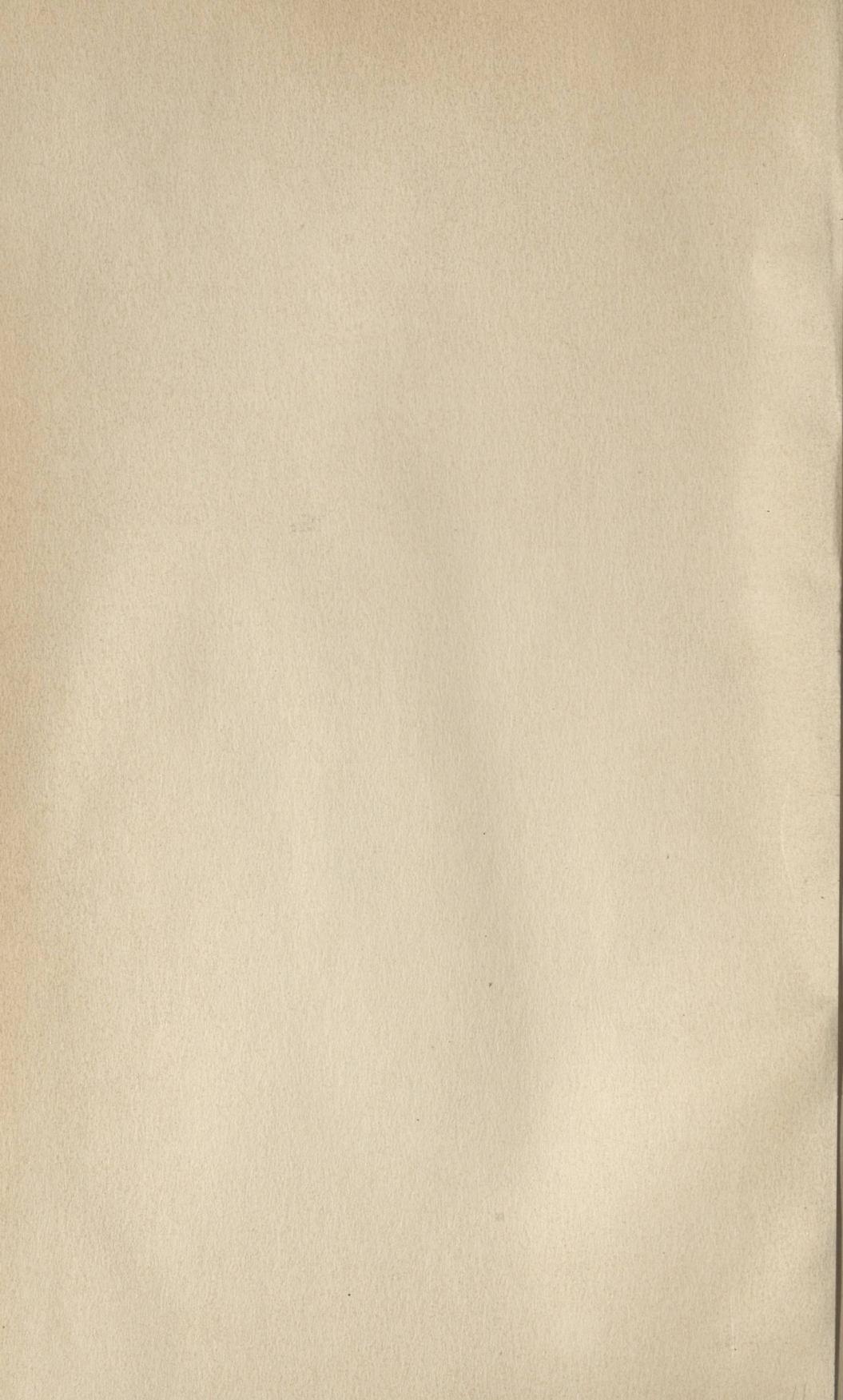
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Thursday, 25th January, 1940

The Senate met this day at half-past two of the clock in the afternoon, being the sixth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of Canada, as summoned by Proclamation.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aseltine,	Foster,	MacArthur,	Prevost,
Ballantyne,	Gordon,	Macdonald	Quinn,
Beaubien,	Graham,	(Cardigan),	Rainville,
Black,	Griesbach,	Marcotte,	Raymond,
Blondin,	Harmer,	Marshall,	Riley,
Bourque,	Horner,	McDonald	Robinson,
Buchanan,	Horsey,	(Shediac),	Sauvé,
Calder,	Hugessen,	McGuire,	Sharpe,
Cantley,	Hughes,	McRae,	Sinclair,
Chapais	Jones,	Meighen,	Smith (Victoria-
(Sir Thomas),	King,	Michener,	Carleton),
Coté,	Lambert,	Molloy,	Sutherland,
Dandurand,	Laird,	Mullins,	Tanner,
Donnelly,	Leger,	Murdock,	Turgeon,
Duff,	L'Espérance,	Paquet,	Webster,
Fauteux,	Little,	Pope,	White.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General stating that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Sixth Session of the Parliament of Canada this day at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and 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 the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Sixth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

During the months which have elapsed since the close of the special session, my Ministers have given unremitting attention to the organization and prosecution of Canada's war effort. The Government has been in constant consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom, and the measures adopted have been those which it is believed will best serve the common cause.

Vigorous action has been taken through all branches of the armed forces to provide for the security and defence of Canada, and for co-operation with the Allied forces on land, on sea and in the air.

For the effective prosecution of the war, Canada's industrial, financial and other resources are being steadily mobilized and all war activities co-ordinated. The production and marketing of agricultural and other primary products have been given constructive direction; and safeguards have been provided against undue enhancement, under war conditions, of the prices of food, fuel and other necessities of life.

Since last you met the developments of the war have made increasingly clear the nature of the struggle in which we are engaged. The very existence of nations that cherish independence and democratic ideals is menaced by enemy forces of ruthless aggression which aim to dominate mankind by terror and violence. The Canadian people have shown their determination to share with Britain and France to the utmost of their strength in the defence of freedom.

My Ministers are of the opinion that the effective prosecution of the war makes it imperative that those who are charged with the grave responsibility of carrying on the government of Canada should, in this critical period, be

fortified by a direct and unquestioned mandate from the people. My advisers, accordingly, having regard to existing conditions and the stage of the life of the present Parliament, have decided upon an immediate appeal to the country.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In all that pertains to the discharge of your responsible duties, may Divine Providence be your strength and guide.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."
The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.
The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.
On motion, it was—
Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, next.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand laid on the Table:—

Copies of Orders in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act since the close of the Special Session, up to and including 17th January, 1940.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarian, for the year 1939.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR 1939

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1939.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1939 has been rapidly proceeded with and the Catalogue will be issued in a very short time.

On July 31st last, Mr. Oswald Soulière, French Cataloguer, who had been in the Library for twenty-eight years, was retired on superannuation. After competitive examinations, the Civil Service Commission appointed Mr. Lucien Lusignan to the vacant position. Mr. Lusignan is a Master of Commerce of the Montreal University and a graduate of the Library School of the same University. He had also previously been a Library Assistant since 1934.

The promotion of Mr. E. E. Trudel to the rank of French Senior Library Assistant created a vacancy in the position of Library Assistant. After having complied with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Louis Tarte has been appointed to that position. Mr. Tarte is a B.A. of Ottawa University and a graduate of the Montreal University Library School.

The work of indexing the Catalogue on cards has been steadily going on. During the year, some 80,000 volumes of Sessional Papers have been transferred to a large room in the Records Building allocated to the Library by the Minister of Public Works. While this does afford some relief, it does not settle the question of the congested state of the Library.

At the outbreak of war there was a great demand for British and Canadian documents published during and just after the last war; the Library fortunately had an adequate supply of these. Copies of all emergency legislation, white papers, and other documents were immediately ordered from England, and a standing order has been given to our English agents for all future publications.

The privileges of the Library have been given to the various visiting British missions.

There has been indeed a marked diminution in the output of books of general literature in England and France since the beginning of war; moreover the delivery of books from abroad has been delayed owing to the difficulty of transport. Nevertheless, to both the English and French sections of the Library many new and important works on economic, international, and historical questions, et cetera, have been added during the past year.

Among the more interesting or valuable donations received during the year were *The Great Chronicle of London*, a gift from the Rt. Hon. The Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, G.C.V.O., and from Frederick John Nettlefold, Esq., of London, the fourth and final volume of the *Catalogue Raisonné* of the pictures and drawings in his famous collection.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX DESROCHERS,
General Librarian.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 30th January, 1940

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Tuesday, 30th January, 1940

No. 1.

25th January—Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the sixth session of the Eighteenth Parliament.

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