

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.

The products and manufactures of Canada shown at the recent International Exhibition held in the City of Milan proved a great attraction, and as a result it is confidently believed our trade with central and southern Europe can be materially increased.

The Naval authorities having relinquished the use of the Dockyard at Halifax, a proposal was made to transfer it to the Government of Canada. The offer has been accepted and the Dockyard will now be used by the Department of Marine and Fisheries as a base for its operations in connection with aids to navigation.

Many immigrants having in recent years been induced to come to Canada by false representations made in the United Kingdom, at the request of the Minister of Labour a clause has been added to the Merchants Shipping Bill, now before the Imperial Parliament, for the punishment of any person who may be found guilty of that offence.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue has shown a large expansion, and has not only provided for ordinary expenditure, but has also, to a great extent, provided for the outlay on capital account.

The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

A united application having been received by my ministers from the Governments of the several provinces asking for an increase in the provincial subsidies, a conference was recently held when the reasons for granting additional aid were fully set forth and discussed. Resolutions, based on the conclusions reached by my Government, will be submitted for your consideration.

Bills will be laid before you amending the Election Acts, the Post Office Act, the Dominion Lands Act, a Bill for the more effective supervision and inspection of Canadian canned food products, meats and fish, a Bill relating to the sale and manufacture of patent medicines; and also a Bill to make better provision for dealing with juvenile delinquents.

It is hoped that the report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the working of Insurance Companies will shortly be completed, when it will be laid on the Table.

The subjects I have mentioned will, I hope, receive your best consideration, and the measures to be submitted for your approval will, I trust, tend to the well-being and good government of our fair Dominion.

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

After some time the Senate was resumed.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate a Bill intitled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read a first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of His Excellency's Speech has been left in his hands.

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright, it was