

Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion; and We do command you, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear, for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

Witness: Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Vere Brabazon, Earl of Bessborough, a Member of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, formerly Captain in Our Territorial Army, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this third day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and in the twenty-second year of Our Reign.

By Command,

C. H. CAHAN,
Secretary of State of Canada.

Ordered, That the same be placed upon the Journals.

The Honourable Senator Dennis came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by law, which was administered by the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat as a Member of the Senate.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that the Honourable Senator Dennis had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required of him by *The British North America Act, 1867*, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the same.

The Senate was 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.

Who being come, with their Speaker,

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

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In addressing you for the first time, I desire to express my gratification at having been selected by His Majesty as his representative in the Dominion of Canada, and to acknowledge with profound thanks the reception which has been accorded to me by the people of this country. I accept it as a proof of their loyalty and devotion to the Crown. I shall count it a happiness as well as a duty to associate myself with you in your labours for the welfare of Canada.

You enter upon your duties at a time of continuing and universal economic disturbance and distress. World conditions are beyond the control of the Canadian people. But I rejoice that their resolute adherence to policies designed for the welfare of the nation has minimized the adverse influence of external economic forces. This period of trial has shown the Canadian situation to be fundamentally sound. The over-subscription of the National Service Loan manifests both the unity and patriotism of the people, and their supreme confidence in the financial strength of the Dominion. Canada still maintains its high place in world commerce. Within the last few months, a favourable balance of trade has been established. The provisions made at the last session of Parliament for unemployment and farm relief are proving effective.

You are successfully meeting difficult domestic problems. Conditions are gradually improving. But prosperity in full measure must await the satisfactory adjustment of accounts between debtor and creditor nations of the world and the restoration of international monetary standards, from which the acute financial difficulties have compelled a temporary departure.

Since the last Session of Parliament my Ministers have commenced negotiations with the Government of the United States of America for the completion of the St. Lawrence Waterway.

A Commission has been appointed to inquire into the whole problem of transportation in Canada. My Ministers expect that the report of the Commission will be ready for submission to Parliament during the present Session.

My Ministers have under consideration a Commercial Treaty with the Dominion of New Zealand.

A Canadian Delegation is participating in the Disarmament Conference, which was opened at Geneva on the 2nd of February. I join with you in the prayer that the representatives of the Nations there assembled may reach an understanding which will put beyond peril the cause of enduring world peace.

On the invitation of my Government, an Economic Conference of members of the British Commonwealth of Nations will meet in Ottawa on July 18th next.

The Geneva Narcotics Convention of 1931, The Red Cross, Prisoners of War and other Conventions, will be submitted for your approval.

Among the other measures to which your attention will be invited will be a Bill relating to insurance and Bills relating to patents and trade marks.

You will also be asked to consider Bills to amend the Canada Shipping Act and the Fisheries Act.

Members of the House of Commons:

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year and the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date. The Estimates will conform

to my Ministers' determination to maintain a policy of rigid economy, consistent with the discharge of those statutory and contractual obligations, which is essential to the preservation of the integrity and credit of the Dominion.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I sincerely congratulate you on the fortitude and patience with which the people of Canada have borne the hardships of this period of depression and maintained their usual high regard for law and order. A sense of unity more abundantly prevails. The spirit of sympathetic co-operation has been strengthened. The Canadian people have united in the fight against adversity. Prosperity is their just reward. I know it will be your privilege, by the unselfish and zealous discharge of your duties to hasten its return. May Divine Providence bless and guide you in your deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

After some time the Senate was resumed.

The Right Honourable Senator Meighen 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.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Monday, next.

On motion, it was—

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

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, for the year 1931.

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

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the Librarians for 1931

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate.

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to submit their Report for the year 1931.

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated to, and purchased by the Library is in the hands of the printers and will be shortly issued.

Reference was made in last year's Report to the monumental work on the North American Indian by Edward S. Curtis. The undertaking was launched in 1907, the Library of Parliament being an early subscriber. Work was much