

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY,

OTTAWA, 26th August, 1919.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Monday, the 1st September, at Three o'Clock.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR F. SLADEN,
Deputy of the Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated on the Throne,

His Honour 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.

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 Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In this, his first visit to our Dominion, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at once renews happy associations with his comrades of the Canadian Army, and at the same time undertakes the important duty of making himself acquainted at first hand with the resources and development of our country, and with the ideals and aspirations of our people. The warm and sincere welcome which everywhere greets him is an assurance that the ties which unite our country with the Motherland and the other Dominions in a great community of nations were never closer or firmer than they are to-day.

The urgency of proceeding immediately to the consideration of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany, signed at Versailles on the 28th day of June, 1919, has compelled me to summon you to renewed labours which I trust will not be of long duration.

My advisers are of the opinion that this Treaty ought not to be ratified on behalf of Canada without the approval of Parliament. Authenticated copies will be placed before you without delay for your consideration.

In addition you will be asked to direct your attention to other measures, including those rendered immediately necessary by the approaching return of peace and by the terms of the Peace Treaty.

Honourable Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Estimates will be laid before you making such financial provision as may be required in connection with the Peace Treaty and for other purposes.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

For more than five years the world has endured the devastation and horror of war forced upon it by an intolerable spirit and purpose of aggression. Fortunately our country has been spared the desolation and ruin which have been inflicted upon many other nations; but our participation in the war has involved heavy burdens and vast sacrifices which our people have borne with an unflinching spirit. With reverent thankfulness we realize that the world emerges victorious from its long struggle against the forces of barbarous militarism and savage aggression. The labours of reconstruction may be difficult and even painful; and we must undertake them with the same united resolve and inflexible purpose as sustained our efforts during the years of conflict. To you and to the great nation whose affairs are committed to your charge, I bid God-speed in all your endeavours.

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

The Senate resumed.

His Honour 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 then read by His Honour the Speaker.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Honourable Sir James Lougheed presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate, it was

Ordered, 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.

Also,—That pursuant to Rule 77, the following Senators, to wit: The Honourable Messieurs Béique, Belcourt, Bostock, Daniel, Robertson, Tanner, Watson, Willoughby and Sir James Lougheed, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The Honourable Sir James Lougheed laid on the Table,—

1. Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.

2. Protocol supplementary to the Treaty of Peace, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.