

PRAYERS:

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 His Honour the Speaker, and it is as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA,

OTTAWA, 12th August, 1914.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Royal Highness the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Fourth Session of the Dominion Parliament on Tuesday, the 18th of August, at Three o'clock.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. FARQUHAR, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable,
The Speaker of the Senate.

The Senate was adjourned during pleasure.

His Royal Highness 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, "It is His Royal Highness the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come, with their Speaker,

His Royal Highness 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:

Very grave events vitally affecting the interests of all His Majesty's Dominions have transpired since prorogation. The unfortunate outbreak of war made it immediately imperative for my Ministers to take extraordinary measures for the defence of Canada and for the maintenance of the honour and integrity of our Empire.

With respect to such of these measures as may require the sanction and approval of Parliament, the necessary legislative proposals will be submitted for your consideration. Other Bills authorizing additional measures which are essential for the public safety will also be presented to you without delay.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Estimates will be laid before you to provide for expenditure which has been or may be caused by the outbreak of hostilities.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The critical period into which we have just entered has aroused to the full the patriotism and loyalty which have always actuated the Canadian people. From every province and indeed from every community the response to the call of duty

has been all that could be desired. The spirit which thus animates Canada inspires also His Majesty's Dominions throughout the world; and we may be assured that united action to repel the common danger will not fail to strengthen the ties that bind together those vast Dominions in the possession and enjoyment of the blessings of British liberty.

As representatives of His Majesty the King, I must add my expression of thanks and admiration for the splendid spirit of patriotism and generosity that has been displayed throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion.

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

After some time the Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Lougheed presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: 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 Royal Highness Speech had been left in his hands.

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General be taken into consideration by the Senate to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Lougheed presented to the Senate, correspondence by cable between the Governor General and the Secretary for the Colonies from August 1 to August 15, 1914.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Vide Sessional Papers, No. 40a.

Also, correspondence by cable between the Prime Minister and Mr. Perley from August 4 to August 13, 1914.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Vide Sessional Papers, No. 40b.

Also, Orders in Council from August 2 to August 15, 1914.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Vide Sessional Papers, No. 40.

With leave of the Senate.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the Senators present during the Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Order 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.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.