

him to one side and to have Mr. Briand, of France, or Sir Austen Chamberlain, of Great Britain, get beside Mr. Mussolini and talk out the question with the principals in the dispute, without a diplomat or other go-between to complicate matters. A personal conversation between the heads accomplishes now what the diplomats failed to accomplish before; it brings about accord and respect for each other's position and a mutual desire to compromise the matter in such a way as will not break the peace.

Now, what has Canada to do with that kind of thing? My honourable friend says that it is proposed to have a plenipotentiary in Paris and another in Tokio. For what reason?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Before my right honourable friend enters into that field, may I say that we have asked the Commons to be with us at a quarter to six, and if his remarks are not coming to a close I would suggest that he adjourn the debate. I do not think we should sit this evening unless my right honourable friend desires it.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: I think I could finish in half an hour.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But before the ceremony we should take recess for about twenty minutes, as there are certain things to be done. Perhaps my right honourable friend cannot finish in ten minutes. I do not desire to press him. His statement is very interesting.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: I do not want for a moment to interfere with that fine ceremony in honour of my colleague (Hon. Mr. Dessaulles), and if there are preliminaries which will occupy the intervening time, I would move the adjournment of this debate.

On motion of Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

HON. SENATOR GEORGE C. DESSAULLES

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT ON HIS HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

The members of the Senate and the House of Commons being assembled, Hon. Senator Dessaulles was escorted to the Speaker's chair by Hon. Raoul Dandurand and Hon. William B. Ross.

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK, Speaker of the Senate, read the following address, the Senators and visitors standing:—

Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER.

To the Honourable George C. Dessaulles,
Senator for the Rougemont Electoral
Division of the Province of Quebec.

Dear and Honoured Sir:

We, your colleagues in the Senate of Canada, desiring to mark the attainment of the great age of one hundred years by one who has retained all his activities as a Member of the Senate up to this time, have resolved that the event be signalized by placing in our gallery a painting which will enable future generations to behold and study the countenance with which we are so happily familiar.

We desire to call attention to some points which show over how wide an historical field your life's journey has extended. Born in 1827, during the reign of George IV, when Canada was divided into Upper and Lower Canada, and Nova Scotia was an entirely separate Crown Colony, you have lived during the reign of five sovereigns in Great Britain; have seen the two Canadas united as one in 1841 and again strengthened by the formation of the Dominion in 1867. You have been able to watch the growth of the Dominion from the union of four Provinces to that of nine, and the development of the national status of the Dominion to the position that it holds at the present day as the elder of a group of sister nations within the British Commonwealth of Nations under His Majesty King George the Fifth.

Born in Canada, at St. Hyacinthe, on the 27th September, 1827, you commenced your life of service to your country when you were chosen as a City Councillor for St. Hyacinthe in 1858, and retained that position till 1868, at which time you were elected Mayor, and continuously held the Mayoralty, except for a break of six years, until 1898. In 1897 you were elected to the Legislative Assembly of your Province, and in 1907, at the mature age of eighty years, you were called to the Senate.

In the Provincial Legislature, and in the Senate, you have devoted your talents and energy to parliamentary work with the single purpose of the good of the people, and especially in your own part of the country you have been prominent in promoting and assisting the industrial and agricultural work of your Province.

The Members of the Senate appreciate having in your person a worthy representative of those French speaking families whose distinguished good manners, high culture and social virtues left a deep imprint on the community of which they were the acknowledged leaders in your Province.