

chosen to lead the Conservative party in this Chamber (Hon. W. B. Ross). A sound jurist with a well-balanced mind, a cool head viewing all things without passion, he has often reminded me of the late Mr. David Mills, who sat here as Minister of Justice, and whom Sir John Macdonald delighted to call the Sage of Bothwell. I hope my honourable friend may enjoy long life and good health so that we may continue to profit from his mature experience, political wisdom, and extensive knowledge of public affairs.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: Honourable gentlemen I wish to thank the honourable gentleman very sincerely for the kind words he has used with regard to me. I can only hope that in some measure I may make them good.

To the other gentlemen who have come here for the first time, of course we give a hearty welcome. We are looking for the best blood, and we think we have got some of it in this House.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 13, 1926.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Hon. Mr. BELAND: Honourable gentlemen, I have the honour to present the report of the work of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1925.

In this connection I might say that it has been customary with this Department to lay on the Table at the opening of each Session a report covering the calendar year. On account of the early calling of Parliament this year, it has been impossible to supply both Houses with anything but a report covering the fiscal year ending on the 31st of March, 1925.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

## THE SENATE

Thursday, January 14, 1926.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH CONSIDERATION FURTHER POSTPONED

On the Order of the Day:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech on the opening of the First Session of the Fifteenth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. LEWIS: I beg to move that this Order be discharged and be placed upon the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

### ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

#### RULE 105A REPEALED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved, by leave of the Senate:

That Rule 105a of the Rules of the Senate be repealed, and that Rules 24a and 23a be suspended in so far as they relate to this motion.

He said: Honourable gentlemen will remember that a few years ago both branches of Parliament enacted some new rules covering the allowance paid to members of Parliament. One of those rules provided that in order to obtain the full indemnity a member had to attend seventy-five per cent of the actual sittings of the House. The House of Commons found that that rule worked some hardship, and rescinded it; we left it in our Rules and Regulations. Inasmuch as the Senate may be taking a somewhat lengthy adjournment, as is usual soon after the opening of the Session, and in view of the fact that when we return, after sitting only one or two days, we may be confronted with a situation necessitating another long adjournment, this rule would entail a great hardship upon the members from the far East and the far West. Therefore, not only for the present occasion, but for all time, benefiting by the experience of both Houses in this regard, I move, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ross of Middleton, the Leader of the Liberal-Conservative Party in this House, that the rule be rescinded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.