

very staunch member, giving of his time and money in a most generous manner.

On behalf of honourable senators on this side I desire to associate ourselves with the expression of sympathy that has been so fittingly voiced by the honourable leader of the Government in this House. That sympathy will no doubt be conveyed in the usual way to the members of his family.

DOMINION FRANCHISE BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 3, an Act to amend the Dominion Franchise Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: This is a short Bill to amend the Dominion Franchise Act with respect to annual revision of lists. As there is nothing on the Order Paper for to-morrow, I move, with the leave of the House, that this Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

The motion was agreed to.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

Hon. William Duff, of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, introduced by Hon. Raoul Dandurand and Hon. H. J. Logan.

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

THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 4, 1936.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

DOMINION FRANCHISE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 3, an Act to amend the Dominion Franchise Act.

He said: Honourable members of the Senate, the sole purpose of the Bill which is before us is to dispense with the preparation of the electoral lists for the year 1936. If this were not done, the Government would be under the necessity of setting up machinery for the preparation of the lists this year. A committee of the House of Commons is to be appointed this session—it may already have been appointed—to study the whole

question of the Dominion Franchise Act. It is the consensus of opinion in the other House that some \$300,000 or \$400,000, if not more, will be saved by not having the lists revised until 1937.

Question has arisen as to what would happen if by-elections were to be held meantime. I think it has been agreed in the House of Commons that if nothing in the form of changes in the Franchise Act comes out of the committee, legislation will be brought in before the end of the session to cover by-elections.

With these explanations I move the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Unless some other honourable senator on this side of the House wishes to speak, I may say that I can see no objection to this amendment. What is proposed will cost, I think, \$16,000, whereas a general revision would cost \$350,000.

Hon. A. D. McRAE: I think we might commend the Government on this Bill. This is the first evidence of governmental economy that to my knowledge has come before the House in some time. I think we ought to speed the measure on its way.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand there are some amendments to be made to this Bill. Later I shall move that it be referred to Committee of the Whole.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA ACT REPEAL BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 6, an Act to repeal The Economic Council of Canada Act, 1935.—Hon. Sir Allen Aylesworth.

ALLEGED LIQUOR SMUGGLING

DISCUSSION

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members of the Senate, it will be recalled that before we adjourned, some two weeks ago, the honourable senator from King's (Hon. Mr. Hughes) asked me if a committee of the Senate could not be appointed to examine into the question of the smuggling of spirituous liquors into Canada. I intimated to him that I would reply to his suggestion as soon as possible.

On listening to his statement, and on reading it carefully afterwards, I was unable to discover any complaint as to the procedure