

overcame, I know that these present ones you will surmount with the same spirit of faith and determination which has carried Canada to a forward place among the nations.

May God give you strength to support, by your unremitting labours, this great movement towards happier days.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

### RAILWAY BILL

#### FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act relating to Railways.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

### CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, it was ordered that the speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, at 8 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 22, 1935.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved:

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.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Beaubien, Buchanan, Dandurand, Graham, Horsey, Sharpe, Tanner, White (Pembroke) and the mover 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 motion was agreed to.

## ABITIBI POWER DEVELOPMENT

### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable members, it is with very real regret that I feel compelled to invite the attention of the House to a matter which concerns myself, especially as this is the second occasion on which I have felt it my duty to do so, and especially also as I have reason to feel, and have had reason to believe, that this House is not very receptive to a discussion of the subject.

It will be recalled that on the 6th of April, 1933, the subject having been introduced, in a manner to which no one could take exception, by the honourable senator from London (Hon. Mr. Little), I referred to certain aspersions affecting myself and made a very definite statement regarding them, to every sentence and line of which I now wish to express complete adherence.

Subsequently certain correspondence took place between myself and the Prime Minister which resulted in the appointment of the Chief Justice of Canada to investigate certain specific allegations reflecting on myself. Prior to this, correspondence had passed between the then Premier of Ontario and myself. I shall not burden our record with this correspondence, but shall merely refer honourable members to it, as it is contained in evidence to which I shall presently refer. After appointment of the Chief Justice of Canada to which I have alluded, a further step was taken by the Government of Ontario and an investigation was held last summer. It was during the course of evidence there given that the correspondence to which I have just made allusion was presented. I intend to be exceedingly brief, because the subject does not warrant consideration at length on my part under present circumstances; so I merely refer honourable members to that correspondence and the subsequent correspondence between myself and the Prime Minister of Canada, all of which appears in the evidence so given.

I now merely wish to read two letters. One of them was addressed by myself on the 4th day of the present month to the Prime Minister. It is as follows:

My dear Prime Minister:

I regret indeed that circumstances impel me to bother you again with respect to the matter of allegations made some time ago regarding the purchase of Ontario Power Service bonds and the appointment by your Government of the Rt. Hon. the Chief Justice of Canada to make enquiry into same in so far as such allegations affect my honour as a public man.