

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I quite realize the situation as it is seen by the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Dandurand). When Sir Edward Beatty first made the suggestion that has been referred to, the honourable gentleman from Moncton (Hon. Mr. Robinson) followed it up a bit, and it seemed to me that the idea was a good one. The committee had got to the point where it had two sets of evidence that did not agree, and the suggestion was that a firm of engineers and accountants should be appointed for the sole purpose of deducing some substantial facts out of that evidence. I quite understand that it would never do for the Government to appoint a commission to continue during the recess the task our committee had undertaken, because if that were done it would mean the expenditure of an enormous sum of money, and the job would never be ended. But I do urge that if our committee is reappointed next session it should meet early, review the situation and determine exactly the points upon which it wants to get facts, if necessary appointing engineers and accountants to help in that work.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: Honourable senators, I am sure that an analysis of the evidence given before the Senate committee would be very helpful, not only to this Chamber, but to the people throughout the country, who are very much interested. The circulation of the record of proceedings of our committee has been fairly general. I rise to suggest to the honourable leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) that after prorogation our Senate staff should prepare a cross-index of the evidence, as a ready reference to the various subjects dealt with, and that a copy be sent to all of us and every other person who has received a copy of the proceedings.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. COPP: To whom would that index be sent?

Hon. Mr. McRAE: To every member of the Senate and everyone else who has received a copy of the proceedings.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Does the honourable gentleman mean to members of the committee only or to all members of the Senate?

Hon. Mr. McRAE: To all members of the Senate.

The motion for adoption of the committee's report was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I am informed we shall be at the end of our labours when we receive the Supply Bill from the Commons. It is not expected before 10 o'clock to-night.

I draw the attention of His Honour the Speaker to the fact that it is now 6 o'clock. It should be understood that we shall not resume before 10 o'clock to-night.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: When the bell rings.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

At six o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 10 p.m.

PROROGATION

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I am informed there is a possibility of prorogation before midnight. I therefore move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, to meet at the call of the bell, probably at half past eleven.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed at 11.55 p.m.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I was in hopes that we might have the visit of His Excellency this evening, even after midnight, but I have just been informed that prorogation must be postponed until to-morrow. I therefore move that when the Senate adjourns this evening it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

THE SENATE

Friday, July 1, 1938.

The Senate met at 12 noon, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PROROGATION

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General acquainting him that the Honourable Lawrence Arthur Cannon, acting as the Deputy of the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber at one o'clock for the purpose of proroguing the session of Parliament.