

Senator Smith: Then all who were appointed were wealthy. I suppose very few who made their living then by fishing or farming ever heard of as much money as \$4,000.

Senator Carter: At the second session of the Parliament a motion was introduced to abolish the Senate; that was 1867-68.

Dr. Monet: That is one of the perennial themes of the Canadian history. I cannot see that it would be appropriate to depict that in the Senate chamber.

The Chairman: When it came to making a decision with respect to the second chamber, there was also an element of considering the extremes, as they referred to them, of the hereditary system in the House of Lords and the elective system in the Senate of the United States, which had then been functioning for approximately 100 years. It was decided that neither system should be adopted, so appointments were made for life. Curiously, the British have adopted this system with respect to the House of Lords. It is very rare now that hereditary peers are created there. Life peers are now appointed.

Doctor, you have done one thing for us this morning, which will be very clear from reading the transcript. You have made this historical survey, which we needed so much, a very lively one. Anyone who says that history is dead should read this. In the second place, you have performed a great deal of personal work in inspecting the windows and the structure of the chamber itself. You know the difficulty of translating themes into glass and colour. The third service you have rendered has been to reinforce our own ideas that our history is a very colourful one. This morning you have given us a great illustration of that. If we can only succeed in persuading the appropriate people to reflect some of the colour of history in the colour of the windows, we will have succeeded. You have helped us tremendously this morning; thank you very, very much, Dr. Monet, for attending.

The committee adjourned.

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