

Reference has been made to the qualities of kindness, generosity and character of Senator MacKinnon. Nothing that could be said could exaggerate in any way the meaning of those qualities. In the community in which he lived, he was certainly "Mr. Edmon-ton" to all who knew him. I think it was rather typical of him that even in his passing he portrayed to the end that quality of unobtrusiveness which was so much a characteristic of him. For a man who made the contribution that he did to the building of this country, particularly the West, he had the great gift of doing it in a sincere and determined but none the less quiet and self-effacing way.

Senator MacKinnon was an outstanding Canadian and a fine citizen, and the world is poorer for his passing. I like to think that in one who represented Canada in so many missions abroad it was fortunate that there were represented in such a marked degree so many of the fine qualities we like to associate with the name "Canadian".

## LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to present to the Senate the report of the Parliamentary Librarian to the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Parliament.

Ordered, that the report be tabled.

## DIVORCE

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION ADOPTED

**Hon. George S. White** presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

The report was read by the Clerk as follows:

The Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees for the present session, make their first report, as follows:

Your committee have the honour to submit herewith the list of senators selected by them to serve on the Standing Committee on Divorce, namely:

The Honourable Senators \*Aseltine, Baird, Barbour, Burchill, Cameron, Croll, Emerson, Euler, Farquhar, Farris, Fergusson, Gershaw, Golding, Haig, Hawkins, Hodges, Horner, Howard, Howden, Isnor, Kinley, \*Macdonald, Roebuck, Smith (Queens-Shelburne), Taylor (Westmorland) and Thorvaldson. (24).

\*Ex officio member.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this report be considered?

**Hon. Mr. White:** With leave, I move that the report be adopted now.

Motion agreed to.

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## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine,** with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the senators mentioned in the report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the Standing Committee on Divorce during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the said committee to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time.

Motion agreed to.

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, in the first instance, I wish to announce that the Committee on Divorce will meet tomorrow morning for purposes of organization. If notices of the meeting have not already been sent out, I believe they are on the way.

I wish to thank those members who served on the committee previously for offering their services again. There is an old saying that the best reward of work well done is more work to do, and no doubt those good members who served so faithfully in the past have been recognized by the Selection Committee putting their names on once again. I hope they will give to this session's work the same attention and devotion that they gave last session.

More particularly, I wish to welcome the two new members of the committee, the honourable Senators Emerson and Thorvaldson. Perhaps they will find the work not so onerous and disagreeable as some people might think, for there is a spirit of good fellowship among the members and a very happy relationship exists; we all feel we are contributing something to the conduct of the Senate and the well-being of Parliament. That is a satisfaction to us. We try to do the very best work we can, and may I say to my fellow senators that since I have been chairman—and it is now a number of years—we have not made a report to the Senate that has not been unanimous.

**Hon. Mr. Brunt:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Not that we have endeavoured to keep everybody in line, or anything of that kind, for we have not; it has just happened that in every case we have been unanimous in what we felt was the right conclusion. I am also delighted to be able to say that, at least since I have been chairman—and I believe this applies also to my honourable predecessor (Hon. Mr. Aseltine)—in no instance has the recommendation of the committee failed to obtain the concurrence of the Senate itself. That is quite a record, and to those of us who have served on the committee and given of our