

Honourable Senators, I have given emphasis in my remarks to the need for a practical and realistic plan for peace. In taking this stand I would not wish to be thought lacking in ideals. I have faith to believe that out of the realities of a peace permanent and enduring may come a realization of our ideals, so that some day our dreams will come true.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The motion was agreed to.

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

## THE SENATE

Thursday, April 12, 1945.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

#### GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

Before the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I beg to table a Government White Paper on employment and income with special reference to the initial period of reconstruction (English and French versions). I believe that copies of this rather important document are being distributed to the post office boxes of honourable members, or will be available on request at the Printing Bureau.

### THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE PROPOSED REPRINT OF DEBATE IN SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. A. D. McRAE: Honourable senators, I wish to make a suggestion to the honourable the leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. King) and to honourable members in general. Yesterday we had the privilege—the pleasure, I would say—of listening to a magnificent speech by our colleague from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris).

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The views he then expressed are such as I am sure the Senate can concur in unanimously.

It seems to me that the question which he dealt with so effectively, so clearly, so logically, and which he so well supported with facts, will confront our delegates at the San Francisco conference. Few people understand our autonomous position as a member of the British

Commonwealth of Nations, and whether the British Empire should have one or more votes in the proposed international peace organization is a somewhat controversial topic. Having that in mind, I would suggest to the honourable leader of the House (Hon. Mr. King) that an ample supply of the honourable senator's speech be printed in both languages, for distribution at the conference. I quite appreciate that any member of our delegation could in a general way answer the question I have mentioned, but the detailed information and logic contained in the honourable senator's address are such as to convince any inquirer, not predisposed towards us, of Canada's actual position within the British Empire.

I would suggest that the speech be edited with a view to deleting certain paragraphs so that it would be a concise presentation of the facts, and that it be published in pamphlet form under the heading "Canada's Position Within The British Empire" or whatever title may be considered most appropriate. Probably the author himself would undertake to deal with his speech along the lines I have indicated.

This address is by far the ablest presentation of the facts in regard to Canada's status as a self-governing Dominion that I have yet listened to. It would be most helpful to our delegates at the San Francisco conference to be able to present a copy of it to any person who might raise the question of Canada's position within the Empire, so that he might see for himself what we claim it to be. The authority of the pamphlet would be further strengthened if issued under the imprimatur of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. KING: I heartily concur in what my honourable friend has said, and will confer with the officers of the Senate with regard to his proposal. I will also bring it to the attention of the Government.

We are all highly appreciative of the splendid address delivered yesterday by the honourable senator from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris). It is an important document, and should be very helpful in making clear Canada's position within the Empire. It also should be of assistance to the delegates who attend the conference.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Anticipating the desire of honourable senators, I have already ordered the printing of five hundred extra copies of yesterday's Senate Debates. These are now in the Clerk's office and are available to honourable senators. I have also given instructions that this issue of the Debates be translated into French without delay.