Canadian Trade Relations

The Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Bishop, Blais, Buchanan, Burchill, Calder, Campbell, Daigle, Davies, Dennis, Dessureault, Duffus, Euler, Gouin, Haig, Howard, Hushion, Jones, Kinley, Macdonald (Cardigan), MacLennan, McKeen, Moraud, Nicol, Paterson, Pirie, Riley, Robertson, Robicheau, Vaillancourt and White. (32)

Public Health and Welfare

The Honourable Senators Blais, Bouchard, Bouffard, Bourque, Burchill, David, Donnelly, Dupuis, Fallis, Farris, Ferland, Gershaw, Haig, Howden, Hurtubise, Johnston, Jones, Lacasse, Leger, Lesage, McGuire, McIntyre, McKeen, Molloy, Paquet, Robertson, Robinson, Roebuck, Veniot and Wilson. (30)

Civil Service Administration

The Honourable Senators Bishop, Bouchard, Calder, Copp, Davies, Dupuis, Fafard, Gouin, Hurtubise, Kinley, Marcotte, McGeer, Pirie, Quinn, Robinson, Roebuck, Taylor, Turgeon and Wilson. (19)

Public Buildings and Grounds
The Honourable Senators Dessureault, Fallis,
Haig, Harmer, Lambert, Lesage, McGuire,
Molloy, Paterson, Quinn, Robertson, Sinclair and
Wilson. (13)

All which is respectfully submitted.

The motion was agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, with leave, I desire to move:

That the senators mentioned in the report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the several committees with which their respective names appear in the said report, to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time, and that the Committee on Standing Orders be authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required; and also that the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts have power without special reference by the Senate, to consider any matter affecting the internal economy of the Senate, and such committee shall report the result of such consideration to the Senate for action.

The motion was agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Before the orders of the day are called, I might say for the information of honourable senators that it is my plan at the present time to ask the Senate to consider adjourning tomorrow afternoon until Tuesday of next week. I am not yet in a position to say, of course, what will be the length of the debate on the Speech from the Throne, or what public legislation, in addition to the private bills which are to come before

us, I may be able to introduce into the Senate. However, I shall communicate that information to the house at the earliest possible date.

As far as I can determine at the moment, bearing in mind the urgency of legislation that is being introduced in the other place, it is likely that the Senate will sit continuously, with longer adjournments than usual at the week ends, if circumstances so dictate. I can only project myself that far; but I thought it might facilitate the plans of honourable senators to indicate the situation.

Hon. Mr. MORAUD: Does the honourable leader contemplate any special legislation next week? It would be useless for those of us who are going home for the week end to come back next week if there were nothing to be done here?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I can only say to my friend that I have indicated to the government the desire of the Senate to undertake the initial stages of legislation which the government is willing to entrust to us and which the constitution makes it possible to give us. If legislation does come to us, I hope we shall deal with it as expeditiously as possible.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. McKeen for an address in reply thereto.

Hon. JOHN T. HAIG: Honourable members, I join with the mover (Hon. Mr. Mc-Keen) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Bouffard) of the motion in offering my congratulations to the Governor General and his good lady upon their visits across Canada in the past year. I join with them also in expressing to you, Mr. Speaker, our delight that you are able, ready and willing to preside over the deliberations of this body for another year. We welcome you, sir; we respect your decisions and we will assist you in every way possible to maintain the traditions of this house.

I wish also to welcome the three new members of this chamber. Until Thursday I knew only one of them, the honourable senator from Cariboo (Hon. Mr. Turgeon), and naturally I shall speak of him first. He is one of three senators whose fathers sat before them in this house. I do not need to mention the others by name. Their fathers distinguished themselves in this chamber during many