

position as hers. Born and brought up in the old Province of Quebec, and since my marriage a resident of Ontario, I feel that I may possibly have a better understanding of the viewpoints of the two provinces than those who have lived in only one. Since my childhood I have always been interested in public affairs, and I cannot remember the time when I did not regard the name of Gladstone with veneration.

While women's work is essential to civilization, it does not give much opportunity for the study of political development, but with the vote our responsibilities have increased. It is now our duty to familiarize ourselves with public questions and to use the vote to the best of our ability. Long custom has caused men to regard many abuses as necessary, but women come with fresh minds and are eager to redress existing evils. The education of the children has always been left largely in the mother's hands, from the days of Solomon to our own. Did not the author of Proverbs say, "A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish one is the heaviness of his mother"? The ideal method would be for the man to spare some time from his public and other activities to devote to the upbringing of his sons: Women will, we hope, always be a strong influence towards peace, for she who suffers to bring children into the world has a deeper appreciation of the horrors of war.

The various items in the Speech from the Throne to which the honourable Senator from Prince Edward (Hon. Mr. Horsey) has alluded will be discussed separately, and I shall not attempt to recapitulate them. But before resuming my seat I should like to thank the honourable gentleman for the very flattering terms in which he has referred to my appointment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Willoughby, the debate was adjourned.

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

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 26, 1930.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved concurrence in the report of the Committee of Selection.

He said: Honourable members, as there have been very few changes in the committees, and as this report was unanimously adopted by the Committee, I would ask leave to move that it be now concurred in by the House, so that the Committees may be called to-morrow. I may add that if the report is adopted now, any members who so desire may make representations respecting changes, and such representations can be dealt with by special motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mr. Horsey for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. W. B. WILLOUGHBY: Honourable senators, I preface the remarks that I purpose to make by assuring you that I shall not be very long. Since the Speech was disposed of very briefly in another House, where it is usually debated at great length, I do not see that it is incumbent upon me to detain honourable members by extended comment. However, I intend to make a few observations, and I have no doubt that several honourable gentlemen on this side of the House will express their opinions on the Speech from the Throne.

I should describe the Speech as a pean of performance, which gives no foretaste of what is going to be. As to the performance, many of us may have different opinions, but we in this Chamber should have welcomed some indication of proposed legislation. That is what would have interested us, and, I believe, the people of the country as a whole. I did not expect that the Government would announce that an election was or was not going to be held. The public have to read the signs of the times for themselves, I suppose, and draw their own inferences.

I should like to compliment the mover of the resolution for the very pleasant and able manner in which he performed his task, and I may also, with equal propriety, extend my congratulations to the seconder of the motion. One would need a great deal of natural eloquence to display enthusiasm over the Barmecide feast that was spread out in the Speech from the Throne.

The Speech calls attention to the fact that the Economic Conference is to be held in London in connection with the Imperial Conference. Speaking for myself only, I think