Town of Duvernay for the Construction of Sewers and Water Mains. (English and French texts).

Report on the Operations of the Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, for the year ended December 31, 1963, pursuant to section 11 of the said act, chapter 183, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

Order in Council P.C. 1964-282, dated February 20, 1964, authorizing under section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act, long-term financing by the Export Credits Insurance Corporation, for the purchase of capital equipment from Canadian suppliers and procurement services from Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited, Montreal, Quebec, in an amount of up to \$900,000 by the President of India, pursuant to section 21B of the said act, chapter 105, R.S.C., 1952, as amended 1960-61. (English text).

Report by the Tariff Board, relative to the investigation ordered by the Minister of Finance respecting machinery and equipment used in the mining industry and in the oil and gas industries, Volume II, Mining Equipment-Reference No. 130 (English and French texts), together with copy of the transcript of the evidence presented at public hearings (English text), pursuant to section 6 of the Tariff Board Act, chapter 261, R.S.C., 1952.

## FINANCE CHARGES (DISCLOSURE) BILL

## FIRST READING

Hon. David A. Croll presented Bill S-3, to make provision for the disclosure of information in respect of finance charges.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Is that something new?

Hon. Mr. Croll: It is not new, but it is back again.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Croll moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Hon. David A. Croll. Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, presented the following report:

The Special Committee of the Senate on Aging make their first report, as follows:

Your committee recommends:

- 1. That their quorum be reduced to seven (7) members.
- 2. That they be authorized to print 1,000 copies in English and 400 copies in French of their day to day proceedings.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Croll: I move, with leave, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. Eric Cook moved, seconded by Hon. Azellus Denis:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada to offer the humble thanks of this house to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency, General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Military Cross and the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commanderin-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: Honourable senators, as you are aware, I have not been a member of the Senate for any prolonged period of time, so I trust you will not think me too presumptuous in addressing you so shortly after the event.

You will forgive me, I hope, if I begin by making a few personal references.

First, I wish to thank most sincerely the Right Honourable the Prime Minister for the great honour he has done me by recommending my appointment to the Senate of Canada. For my part, I can only pledge that I will do all things that lie within my ability, to discharge as best I can my duties as one of your colleagues.

To succeed Senator Calvert C. Pratt will indeed be a difficult task. Senator Pratt was