

German imprisonment. He was made to bear, vicariously, the deep resentment borne by the Hun, on account of the notable part taken by Canada in the prosecution of this war.

Who, of all who knew him, in the session preceding the war; gentle, kindly, popular as he was with all the members of the House, could have imagined that fate had in store for him such strange adventures and such tragic experiences. The story of his visit to Belgium, of his internment as a political prisoner by the Germans and of the oppressive and calculatedly brutal treatment to which he was subjected is known to all the members of this House and, indeed, to all the people of Canada. I assure him that we greatly rejoiced at the news of his liberation, and wholeheartedly we welcome him back to his seat in this House.

Mr. ROBB (Chief Whip of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may we join with the Acting Prime Minister and his followers on the Government side of the House in offering a welcome home to our good friend, the hon. member for Beauce, formerly Postmaster General. His four years captivity in a German prison may have brought wrinkles to his brow and sorrow to his heart but the genial, kindly, Dr. Beland remains and we join with our friends opposite in welcoming him back to this House.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY NEXT.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Reid:

That when this House adjourns this day, it shall, out of respect to the memory of the late Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, stand adjourned till Tuesday next the 24th inst.

Motion agreed to.

DISMISSAL OF ELECTION PETITION.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Honourable Mr. Justice Walsh and the Honourable Mr. Justice Simmons, two of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act," a report relating to the Election for the Electoral District of Bow River, by which the said Election Petition was dismissed.

VACANCY.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that, during the recess,
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I received a communication notifying me of a vacancy having occurred in the representation of Ontario North, by the decease of Samuel Simpson Sharpe, Esq.

I accordingly issued my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ of Election for the said Electoral District.

On motion of Sir Thomas White, the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

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The House met at Three o'clock.

DEPUTY SERJEANT-AT-ARMS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Serjeant-at-Arms, with my approval has appointed Louis Charles Panet, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of Parliament.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

Mr. SPEAKER: I beg to present a communication from His Excellency the Governor-General approving of a Minute of the Privy Council appointing Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State; Hon. John Dowsley Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization; and Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purpose, and under the provisions, of the eleventh chapter, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, entitled, "An Act Respecting The House of Commons."

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Acting Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of the House under Rule 10, said Committee to be composed of Messrs. Reid (Grenville), McKenzie, Carvell, Calder, Middlebro, McCoig and Robb, and that that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said Committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

REPRESENTATION ACT (1914) AMENDMENT.

Mr. FRANK B. STACEY (Westminister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Representation Act (1914).