

day to day during the sittings of the said committee, be printed forthwith and standing order 64 be suspended in relation thereto.

The translation of these proceedings was begun, but there is nothing on the orders of the house to authorize their being printed and distributed.

Motion agreed to.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

#### PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Ottawa, May 27, 1933.

Sir,—

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate chamber on Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Lascelles,

Secretary to the Governor General.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, may I avail myself of this opportunity, before the house rises at six o'clock to meet again at eight, to express my appreciation and that of the government of the attitude taken by the official opposition during this last day in expediting the business of the house and enabling us to prorogue this evening. To bring the members back on Monday would have been very inconvenient and unfair to them, and I should like the opposition to be assured that we appreciate the spirit in which they have dealt with the difficult problems confronting them this afternoon, enabling us to reach prorogation this evening.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I appreciate what the Prime Minister has just said. I am sure if we had consulted our feelings in the matter, we would have kept up this debate for at least another week. We preferred to accommodate, as he has done on occasions, the feelings of the house generally.

May I before we adjourn make a request of the Prime Minister? If parliament is to reassemble before the year is out, would he be kind enough to give as long a notice in advance of that circumstance as may be possible?

Mr. BENNETT: It will be within your memory, Mr. Speaker, that last year I assured the right hon. gentleman that if the house met in the fall I would give as much notice as possible. We intimated that the house would meet after the Ottawa conference, but the date we were not able to determine until later. If as a consequence of what may take place during the next few months it is necessary to reconvene parliament this year, I shall make it known by every means in my power just as soon as I myself am aware of the necessity of parliament being summoned.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

### After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

#### CONCURRENCE BY SENATE IN COMMONS AMENDMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received a message from the Senate informing this house that the Senate hath concurred in the amendment made by the Commons to its first original amendment to Bill No. 71, an act to amend the criminal code, without any amendment.

### PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

### BILLS ASSENTED TO

An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act.  
An Act to amend the Criminal Code.  
An Act to readjust the Representation in the House of Commons.

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these bills.