

The bill was read the first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Haig: Later this day.

NATIONAL GALLERY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, I would like to withdraw an expression that I used some time ago with regard to the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery. In view of the answer that was given on Tuesday to my inquiry, I would like to substitute the words "repentant rubber stamps" for the words "contemptible bureaucrats" that I used some time ago.

If I may say a further word, I hope that all my colleagues will take advantage of the opportunity of looking at the information contained in the *Hansard* of yesterday with reference to the paintings purchased by the National Gallery. They will realize that very few have been bought directly from Canadian artists. I have been told that for several years the practice of the National Gallery has been to buy the works of Canadian artists through an agent, who gets a commission of 30 per cent on each purchase, besides the commission that is paid to the gallery which sells it. I hope the Government will inquire into that practice and stop it, and that it will buy more works from Canadian artists, and directly, in order to encourage them to the utmost possible.

I have two suggestions to make. One is that Their Honours the Speakers of both houses of Parliament should be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery. The second is that the name "Lorne Building" for the building that is being constructed across from the Lord Elgin Hotel to house some paintings, sculptures and works that belong to the National Gallery, should be changed to the name of a Canadian artist. There are many of them to choose from—Maurice Cullen, Clarence Gagnon, Horatio Walker, Suzor Côté and many others. The choice would be very easy, and it would be an inspiration for everybody and an indication that in future Canadian artists will have better encouragement from the National Gallery.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: The name Arthur Roebuck also could be given to it.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are

proceeded with, may I ask the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) if it is his intention to move at this time that when the house rises today it stand adjourned until Monday night or Tuesday night? I think it is customary at this stage of the proceedings on Thursday afternoon to make such a motion.

I note the bills which have come from the Commons at this sitting dispose of all the legislation to be considered by the Commons today, with the exception perhaps of a bill to amend the Indian Act.

Hon. Mr. Haig: That bill is here now.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Looking at yesterday's *Hansard* of the House of Commons I see that house will be proceeding today with the estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and then will go on to the consideration of the estimates of other departments. This work will doubtless continue in the Commons tomorrow, in accord with the custom there, and on Saturday. Therefore no further legislation could reach us until Monday, and in any event there is very little legislation on the Commons Order Paper which could reach us. I suggest to the Leader of the Government that we should adjourn this afternoon until, say, Monday night or Tuesday night, as apparently there will be nothing for us to do in the meantime.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable senators, first of all I understand that His Honour the Speaker will receive notice that the Deputy of the Governor General is coming to give assent to bills at a quarter to six today or tomorrow. I am looking after two bills which will be called for second reading very shortly, and as soon as they have been dealt with I will go over to the House of Commons and make the necessary inquiries, then come back and explain the situation to this house.

CANADA-AUSTRALIA INCOME TAX AGREEMENT BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. John T. Haig moved the second reading of Bill 170, to implement an agreement between Canada and Australia for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax.

He said: Except to some of our more recent members, legislation of this kind is not new. In former sessions we have passed measures of the same character to give force to agreements between Canada and the United States, Great Britain, Denmark and Belgium. The purpose is to ratify an understanding as regards income tax or taxes of that nature between Canada and another