

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, we have been expecting to receive legislation from the other place, but it has not yet arrived and is not likely to be received even during next week. I would remind honourable senators that in the early part of the session a motion was passed to provide that should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, members might be recalled on short notice. With leave I now move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Brunt, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, September 26, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable senators, can the Leader of the Government tell us now, or when we re-assemble, what legislation we can expect to have to deal with before the conclusion of the present session?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I am unable to make a statement as to the legislation to come before us. However, I expect that when we re-assemble we shall have to deal with the bill concerning amateur athletics, possibly the Civil Service Act, and the act respecting financial arrangements with the provinces. I am not certain that all these matters will be before us, but the likelihood is that they will.

Hon. Mr. Golding: Honourable senators, I too would like to ask the Leader of the Government a question. If it appears that we will still have no legislation to consider on September 26, would it be in order to inform honourable senators of that fact and thus avoid their having to attend needlessly?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I shall be glad to take that under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Honourable senators, may I ask whether the motion passed early in the session permits the carrying out of the suggestion which the honourable senator from Huron-Perth (Hon. Mr. Golding) has just made? We do not want to attend here again without good reason. I think we could have been told prior to this sitting that there was no legislation for the Senate to deal with today. If this motion is passed will we be precluded from being notified that our attendance might not be required on September 26?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: A quorum of honourable senators must assemble on that day.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Why?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: The standing rules of the Senate require that. However, those who would have to travel a distance might be notified ahead of time. I know of no way in which the Senate could be adjourned on September 26 to a later date without a quorum of honourable senators assembling.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Why do we not adjourn to the call of the Chair?

Motion agreed to.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES

CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS OF CANADIAN PUBLIC MEN

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

1. Who are the public men of Canada whose correspondence and papers have been bequeathed, given, or sold to the Public Archives since the establishment of that branch of the Government of Canada?

2. If bequeathed, or given, upon what conditions in each case?

3. If sold, at what price in each case?

4. How much was spent for cataloguing the correspondence and papers in each case?

5. Was the cataloguing completed in each case?

6. If so, who are the above mentioned public men whose papers and correspondence (a) have been completely catalogued, and (b) have not been completely catalogued?

7. Who are the above mentioned Canadian public men whose correspondence (a) is available to the public, and (b) is not?

8. Is there a general rule concerning the availability of the correspondence and papers bequeathed, given, or sold to the Public Archives?

9. If so, what is it, and who made it?

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I have received the following answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry:

1. The papers of prime ministers and other public men of Canada which have been given, bequeathed or sold to the Public Archives are described in the printed Preliminary Inventories of Manuscript Groups 26 and 27.

As noted in the inventory of Manuscript Group 26 (p. 26), the papers of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King have