THE SENATE

Monday, December 19, 1966

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Hon. Maurice Bourget, P.C., Acting Speaker, in the Chair. Prayers.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SPEECH

ACCOMMODATION FOR SENATORS IN IN COMMONS GALLERY

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: As honourable senators are aware, the Minister of Finance will deliver a Supplementary Budget Speech in the other place this evening, at 8 o'clock.

May I be permitted to mention to honourable senators that none but senators will be admitted to the Senate Gallery of the House of Commons on that occasion. This step is being taken for the purpose of providing accommodation in the gallery for as many senators as possible. In this manner, senators will not be excluded from the gallery on account of many of the places being occupied by relatives and friends of senators.

Such instructions were first issued in 1931 by the then Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable P. E. Blondin, and this practice has been followed ever since by succeeding Speakers.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF MR. JUSTICE LANDREVILLE—
COMMONS MEMBERS

The Hon. the Acting Speaker informed the Senate that a message has been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the following members of the House of Commons will serve on the part of that House on the Special Joint Committee to inquire into and report on the expediency of presenting an address to His Excellency praying for the removal of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville from the Supreme Court of Ontario: Messrs. Bell (Carleton), Brewin, Cashin, Choquette, Coates, Laflamme, Patterson, Richard, Fulton. Stafford, Tolmie and Woolliams.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Report of Temporary Loans made out Honourable senat of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to The my congratulations.

St. Lawrence Seaway Authority between August 18 and November 29, 1966, pursuant to section 26(4) of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act, chapter 242, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

HON. C. G. POWER, P.C.

FELICITATIONS ON FORTY-NINTH ANNI-VERSARY IN PARLIAMENT

Hon. John J. Connolly. Honourable senators, I should like to draw the attention of the Senate to the fact that on Saturday last the Honourable C. G. Power, the senator from Gulf, one of the very distinguished and popular members of this chamber, celebrated the forty-ninth anniversary of his entry into Parliament.

It is not my intention on this occasion to make a speech, nor to give his book another boost, although I understand that the Christmas sales have surpassed the expectations of the publishers and, indeed, of the author. But, I do think it is appropriate to congratulate him upon 49 continuous years in the service of the public of this country. I would suggest to him that if he will bear with us—and I use those words in just that way—the Senate for centennial year will have a built-in centennial project, because he will then have been in Parliament for half of the first century of this country's existence.

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, may I join with the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West) in congratulating my colleague of many years, Senator Power, in having become a 49'er. We shall certainly be pleased next year when he becomes a 50'er.

My first acquaintance with Chubby Power was when I came to the House of Commons in 1936. I recall that at our first opposition caucus the Right Honourable R. B. Bennett, who later became Lord Bennett, gave an appraisal of Mr. King's Cabinet, which, may I say, was not too complimentary of the cabinet. Indeed, I just wondered how the country was going to be able to carry on. However, I do remember that when he came to Senator Power's name, Mr. Bennett said, "He has quite often given me a pretty tough time, but I will say this for him, he has more brains than any other man in King's cabinet." I found out later there was considerable truth in this statement, having been with Senator Power for a number of years in the Commons.

Honourable senators, I offer Senator Power my congratulations.