

for disturbance and upheaval, and for which the war is largely responsible. Human affairs seem to be in the melting pot. Everything suggests a state of flux. All the nations involved in the war are now digging themselves out from the debris of the crash and wreck that prostrated for the time being most of the powers of Europe, and at the same time most violently disturbed national conditions on this continent. The citizen can render no greater service than by loyally supporting the established institutions of government, and relegating to the distant future new political movements, having for their object the pulling down of recognized systems of trade and government. If we are to emerge successfully from this national unrest; if we are to build up a greater Canada on the foundations that we have laid; if we are to emerge at this most critical time into a progressive and prosperous people, we can do so only by giving the utmost stability to our institutions of government and by creating a public confidence that what is done by the Government for the building up of our national interests will have behind it a guarantee of stability and security as against the disturbing movements of political dreamers.

On motion, of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the debate was adjourned.

HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE.

MOTION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Hon Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That His Honour the Speaker do make grateful acknowledgment of the gracious message of His Majesty the King, on behalf of the Senate of Canada.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, March 3, 1920.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

REVISION OF PUNISHMENTS BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill B, an Act to amend the Criminal Code so as to provide for the revision of excessive or inadequate punishments.—Hon. Mr. McMeans.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The Senate resumed from Tuesday, March 2, consideration of the motion for an Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I desire first to congratulate the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Chapais) who has been called to this Chamber to occupy the seat for the Granville division. It has been my pleasure and advantage to follow the career of the honourable gentleman since he has been in public life, as it is about the same length of time that we have both been interested in public affairs. His selection speaks well for his high standing in our community. I confess that when a vacancy occurred in our province, I feared the present Government, not knowing the province of Quebec, had nine chances out of ten of going astray. Fortunately the present Cabinet had heard, as they could not help hearing, of the honourable gentleman and his splendid record. If I am not mistaken, the honourable member for Granville (Hon. Mr. Chapais) could have come into this Chamber about three years ago. Rumour has it that he was offered a seat, which he respectfully declined because there was coupled with it the offer of a portfolio. If his refusal at the time is a fact which cannot be controverted, I doubly congratulate him for having declined to comply with the condition which was attached to the offer of a seat in this Chamber; for the province of Quebec has spurned representation in this sham Union Government.

Last summer a newspaper stated that Sir Robert Borden, who was navigating the waters of the St. Lawrence, in the province of Quebec, was in search of French-Canadian colleagues. I thought it well to inform Sir Robert Borden why he had failed if he was really on such an errand, and I wrote an article under my own signature, which I intend to put on record, because it represents first my views, and, I believe, the views of the province of Quebec at large on this question of the representation of our province in this so-called Union Government. I published this on the 12th of August in *Le Canada*. As all the members of this House understand both languages I will read the article in French as it appeared: