

That by reason of having failed to give their attendance in the Senate for two consecutive Sessions of Parliament, the places of the Honourable James E. Robertson and of the Honourable W. J. Macdonald, in the Senate, have, in accordance with paragraph I of Section 31 of *The British North America Act, 1867*, become vacant.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a Resolution to that effect be passed by the Senate accordingly.

Respectfully submitted.

L. G. POWER,

*Chairman.*

The said Report was adopted.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as it has been established to the satisfaction of the Senate, that the Honourable James E. Robertson, a Member thereof and a Senator for the province of Prince Edward Island, and the Honourable W. J. Macdonald, a Member thereof and a Senator for the Province of British Columbia, have failed to give their attendance in the Senate during two consecutive Sessions of Parliament, their places therein are hereby declared to have become vacant, in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph I of Section 31 and in Section 33 of *The British North America Act, 1867*.

Ordered, That a copy of the said Resolution be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General by such Members of the Senate as are Members of the Privy Council.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lougheed, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Bostock, it was resolved as follows:—

That the Members of the Senate beg to convey to their late colleagues, the Honourable W. J. Macdonald and the Honourable J. E. Robertson, the expression of their sincere regret at the severance of the tie which has hitherto connected them.

They are very sensible of the value of the services rendered to the country by the Honourable W. J. Macdonald, who has been a member of the Senate from British Columbia since that Province came into Confederation, and by the Honourable J. E. Robertson since his entry into this Chamber as a member of the Senate from Prince Edward Island, and they will long cherish pleasant recollections of their kindly presence in the Senate.

Ordered, That copies of the said Resolution be sent to each of those Honourable gentlemen.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill 123, intituled: "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial years ending respectively, the 31st March, 1915, and the 31st March, 1916," was read a second time.

With leave of the Senate,

Ordered, That Rules 30 and 63 be suspended in so far as they relate to the said Bill, and

That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.