

honourable body, and particularly, I should like to speak about a close personal friend of mine, one who has had the utmost respect of all members of this chamber. I cannot recall ever receiving a greater shock than when at a quarter to three today I learned of the death of my colleague and friend from Ontario, Joe Bench.

No higher tribute can be paid to any man than to say that he had the respect of the members of his community, of his church, of the Bench and of the Bar.

The late Senator Bench was a young and able lawyer, but notwithstanding his youth he made a marked impression upon the courts whenever he appeared before them. As the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig) has said, one could always depend upon his word. I believe that quality made an impression upon the courts.

I was talking to Senator Bench a few days ago, when he had planned to appear in Ottawa on Monday, at the Canadian Tax Foundation meeting. At the meeting I met his partner who said that he expected the senator to be in Ottawa this morning. To hear the tragic news of his death at a quarter to three this afternoon was most shocking.

Those of us who had an opportunity of knowing the late senator in a social way have always admired his good humour and his attitude towards people irrespective of their station in life. His young wife and infant child will, I am sure, have the sympathy of all the people of Canada.

DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. EULER presented Bill B, an Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall the bill be read a second time?

An Hon. SENATOR: Never!

Hon. Mr. EULER: At the next sitting.

CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

CONFEDERATION NEGOTIATIONS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. DUFF: Honourable senators, I would ask the leader of the government to lay on the table and also to make available to honourable senators copies of the tentative arrangement arrived at when the delegates from Newfoundland met cabinet ministers here last summer with regard to what is known as confederation between Newfoundland and Canada. A great many people in this country

would like to know what arrangement was arrived at and what are the terms of that arrangement.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I may say to my honourable friend that a copy of the proceedings to which he has referred, including the draft of the terms that were suggested as being fair and equitable, is included in the documents which I tabled at the beginning of this session. Distribution will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: Thank you.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the fourth session of the Twentieth Parliament of Canada.

Hon. CHARLES EDWARD FERLAND moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:—

To His Excellency Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp General, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Canada.

May it Please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

He said (Translation):

Honourable senators, the historic session of parliament which we are now attending is marked by a new trend of Canada's economy.

This house will have to ratify the Geneva trade agreements, which become effective on January 1st next and will result, provided world peace survives its present upheavals, in the opening of numerous markets for the products of Canadian farms, factories, mines and forests.

It will have to give its approval to those measures, not yet crystallized in their definite form, which the government had to take on November 17 last in order to surmount the crisis brought about by the financial difficulties of Canada's chief customer, Great Britain, as