

Congratulations to Senator Isnor

other person in Nova Scotia who in the past thirty years has taken such a keen interest in the welfare not only of his own constituency but of every part of the province as well as of this great dominion.

Mr. J. H. Dickey (Halifax): Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Knowles: The senior member for Halifax.

Mr. Dickey:—speaking for the constituency of Halifax, I should like to say that the many friends and supporters of Gordon Isnor in Halifax will be pleased at the honour that has been done him in appointing him to the Senate. The people of Halifax will realize at least as well as the members of this house how well merited that honour is.

Mr. L. A. Mutch (Winnipeg South): As one of the rapidly dwindling number of members of this house who came here in 1935 for the first time, I should like to express the pleasure it has been for me, as a western member, to have the advantage of the friendship and the advice of Gordon Isnor during these years in the House of Commons. But it is not particularly with respect to that that I wish to speak today. It is in the memory of everyone in this house, and in the experience of many, that during the period of Gordon Isnor's membership in this house the port of Halifax, which he never let us forget, became one of the great strategic war centres of the Dominion of Canada. I greatly doubt, sir, whether during those war years any other private member of this house, in uniform or out of it, contributed more to the good feeling which existed between the civilian population generally and the members of the armed forces than did Gordon Isnor. I dislike to talk in this way, because it sounds as though he were dead; on the other hand it is perhaps the only opportunity I shall have to pay this tribute.

I am morally certain that among the armed forces of the Dominion of Canada there are hundreds, if not thousands, of navy men, army and air force men who have had personal contact with and who enjoyed the benefit of the friendly assistance and co-operation of Gordon Isnor in that port of Halifax through which most of our serving personnel passed.

Because of that fact, and because of the scores, if not hundreds, of personal contacts I myself have had, I am sure that they, together with us, will remember his kindly good offices and will be glad that he has been rewarded—if it is a reward—by recognition by his Prime Minister, and that he has been sent to the place in which he will be able, without the problems that confront us in the

[Mr. Carroll.]

House of Commons, to be, as he has always been, the real friend of those men and women in this country who put Canada first.

Mr. G. A. Cruickshank (Fraser Valley): Speaking for the maritimes of the Pacific coast, Mr. Speaker, and having been a guest of Gordon Isnor—and no finer host that I know of and no finer gentleman could have been elevated—I want to congratulate him. Through you, Mr. Speaker, I also want to tell the Prime Minister and the government that I am available from the Pacific coast.

Mr. A. L. Smith (Calgary West): I rise to utter a word of complaint, Mr. Speaker. In Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure many words are set out as unparliamentary. I think that section should be amended so that when anyone speaks of someone going from this place to the other place and calls it an elevation, he will be using unparliamentary language.

Mr. Mutch: I said "if it is"; I did not say it was.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 152, to amend the Canadian Red Cross Society Act.—Mr. Macnaughton.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

REFERENCE TO PRESS DISPATCH AS TO CANADA'S POSITION—THE KING'S TITLE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of a Reuters dispatch of yesterday's date from Capetown, in which the Prime Minister of South Africa stated as a positive fact that Canada was dissatisfied with her position in the commonwealth, will the Prime Minister take the appropriate steps to remove any uncertainty on this score?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I do not think it requires any deliberation, Mr. Speaker, to be able to state that there is no justification I know of for any such statement to be made by anyone. The dispatch also referred to dissatisfaction with the king's title. That must be based upon some resolution or motion that was before this house a couple of years ago, pointing out that His Majesty's title was no longer in strict accordance with the facts. No dissatisfaction was expressed with the title, but a statement was made here some time ago that it no longer corresponds with the present situation in the commonwealth because the title does not include Ireland. At that time