

Report of the Honourable Mr. Justice Henry Hague Davis, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, appointed under the provisions of Order in Council P.C. No. 2251, dated 7th September, 1938, a Commissioner under Part I of the Inquiries Act, to enquire fully into the preliminary discussions and negotiations leading up to and the completion of a certain contract executed on the 31st day of March, 1938, and tabled in Parliament on the 29th day of June, 1938, made between His Majesty the King represented by the Honourable the Minister of National Defence for Canada and John Inglis Company Limited, whereby the Company undertook to furnish to His Majesty a certain supply of Bren Machine Guns, for the use of the defence forces of Canada; and into the shareholdings and transactions, if any, in the shares and securities of the said Company and the connection and activities, if any, of any member of the House of Commons in the discussions and negotiations leading up to the said contract or in the affairs of the said Company or in the sale of shares or securities of the said Company, and generally to enquire fully into all matters relating to the said contract and to the affairs of the said Company, and to the steps taken to protect the public interest. (English and French editions.)

The following petition was presented:—

By the Honourable Senator Lynch-Staunton:—

Of the Ancient Foresters' Mutual Life Insurance Company.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Dandurand, seconded by the Right Honourable Senator Meighen, it was—

Ordered, That in view of the long and faithful services of Mr. Austin Ernest Blount, C.M.G., the former Clerk of the Senate, he be continued an honorary officer of this House and allowed the entrée of the Senate and a seat at the Table on occasions of Ceremony.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament:—

The Honourable Senator Marshall moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Prevost:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of 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.

After debate, it was—

Ordered, That further debate on the said motion be adjourned until to-morrow.

The Senate adjourned.