

Hon. Mr. LAIRD: I would like to ask if the elevator at Prince Rupert is the one that was constructed by the Federal Government at a cost of several millions, and handed over to a private corporation at the nominal rental of one dollar a year?

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Really, I am not in a position to be cross-examined about that. I am merely communicating some information about the success of Vancouver, and perhaps Prince Rupert; but it is probably true that the elevator was given over to the people interested in the grain business, because it was not constructed for the benefit of Government and Parliament, but for the purpose of shipping grain.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: As the right honourable gentleman seems to be a little bit inclined to pat the Government on the back for the success of the Harbour Commissioners of Vancouver—

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I did not mention the Government.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I would like to ask him whether he considers that the fact of the present Government having cleaned out the old Board of Harbour Commissioners, and put in a new Board, is responsible for the very large increase in the shipments.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I would not like to answer on behalf of the Government, as I am not a member of the Government, but evidently it has not adversely affected the trade at Vancouver.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

## THE SENATE

Wednesday, June 6, 1928.

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### PENSION BILL

#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS—REAPPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Senate proceeded to consider a message from the House of Commons disagreeing to certain amendments made in the Senate to Bill 289, an Act to amend the Pension Act.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I have just read the reasons given by the House of Commons for disagreeing

with a certain number of amendments which were made in the Senate to this Bill. As they are mostly technical and in order to follow them, one would need to compare them with the clauses of the Bill, I suggest, after having consulted with my honourable friend opposite (Hon. W. B. Ross) and other honourable members of the Senate, that the Senate reappoint the Committee that has dealt with this Bill, and refer this message to that Committee.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: It is moved by honourable Mr. Dandurand, seconded by Right Hon. Mr. Graham, that this message be referred to the former Committee.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: It will have to be reappointed.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: That this message be referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. Beique, Béland, Belcourt, Black, Calder, Dandurand, Griesbach, Hatfield, Laird, Macdonell, Robertson, Robinson, Ross (Moose Jaw), Ross (Middleton), Sharpe, Taylor and Turgeon.

Hon. J. D. TAYLOR: Honourable gentlemen, before that motion is put, as a matter of information I would like to ask a question of the honourable leader of the House. This is a Government Bill referred to a Committee of the Government's nomination, on which the Government has equal representation.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Or thereabouts.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Has equal representation, I think I am correct in saying.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Perhaps so.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: What I want to know is whether the Government urges this Bill upon the Committee, whether the Government makes any attempt to pass it through the Committee, and whether the Government is behind the Bill in this House. I ask this question because it seemed to me very unfortunate that the other day we disposed of a matter so important to so many people in Canada without any leadership from the Government whose Bill it is, and without any knowledge on the part of this House of the contents of the report from Committee which we passed. I would suggest to the Government that if it really supports this Bill from the House of Commons it should give to the Committee of the Senate, and to the Senate itself, some leadership in this matter, but that if, on the other hand, it abandons the Bill here and