

be before the Government and Parliament before either is asked to proceed further. I am very much interested in this St. Lawrence proposal, and think we should proceed with great caution and care about saying Yes or No to the United States proposal. The reference to the Supreme Court is all right; then the ground will be cleared, and perhaps we shall know better where we are at. In the meantime, no matter what the decision may be, my advice would be to go slowly until we have all the data and all the opinions we can possibly get from men able to give us sound opinions.

Before closing I want to congratulate the League of Nations on its wisdom in selecting Canada for a place in the Council. I presume that in addition to the great ability of my Honourable Friend, who has really kept Canada before the other nations of the world, another consideration that weighed with the smaller nations was that they looked on Canada as a place where minorities got a square deal, and they felt that Canada would give minorities a square deal in the Council.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Is it the intention or wish of the Chamber to come back to-night?

Some Hon. SENATORS: No, no.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Or shall we approach the matter gradually, and think over what has been said to-day, and come back to-morrow afternoon to resume the debate?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If the right honourable gentleman wishes to move the adjournment of the debate he may do so.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: If that be so, I would be very glad to move the adjournment of the debate.

The debate was accordingly adjourned.

RETURNS FROM BRANCH RAILWAYS QUESTION

Hon. W. B. ROSS: The honourable leader of the Government last year gave us what might be called a return of the Branch Railways, with their earnings and expenditures. I do not find that there has been any such return laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not recall having mentioned that report. I know that when we passed those Branch Line Bills, a general statement affecting each branch, or all the branches—I do not remember exactly under what form—was required from the Department of Railways, practically a yearly return.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: We want the cost and the earnings. Some of those lines are showing up very well, and I am in hopes of finding that they are all paying their way. I would like the honourable gentleman to let us have that return again this year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will submit the suggestion of my honourable friend to the Department of Railways.

DIVORCE PETITIONS

LAI'D ON THE TABLE

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I beg to submit a list of the Petitions for Divorce that have been filed. I may mention that there are about 150 of them. I do not wish to detain the House by reading the Petitions themselves, but I will read the names if it is desired.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Dispense.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I do not want even to know them.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: They will appear in the Minutes to-morrow?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Honourable members who read the proceedings will see them.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 o'clock p.m.

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 1, 1928.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill B, an Act to amend certain provisions of the Criminal Code respecting the possession of weapons.—Hon. Mr. Belcourt.

PENSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL

FIRST READING

Bill C, an Act to amend the Pension Act as respects pensions to widows.—Hon. Mr. Girroir.

VENEREAL DISEASE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill D, an Act to make venereal disease an impediment to marriage.—Hon. Mr. Girroir.