

tending our rail and water communications as far as is prudent, to provide the necessary facilities for meeting all the expanding trade that we must have within the near future. Any one who lives for another ten years will, I believe, see this country with a population of fifteen to twenty million, will see our exports trebled or quadrupled as they have been in the past, and will note an expansion of trade, of which one can form a very slight idea at the present moment.

In conclusion, I should like to say one word of a personal nature in connection with the late occupant of the seat which I now occupy. I allude to the Hon. J. V. Ellis. While I did not see eye to eye with him in politics, there was an intimate relationship between himself and me, for very many years. He was known throughout this Dominion, and was highly respected by all classes of the community in which he lived. It was with the greatest regret that we followed him to his grave, and I can only wish to add my quota of respect for him—for his independent views, and strong convictions on every subject, and the courage of those convictions and readiness to give expression to them as every member of the Senate knew, whenever he deemed it proper to speak on any subject.

Hon. Sir GEORGE ROSS moved that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three p.m. to-morrow.

## THE SENATE

Ottawa, January 21, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT POSTPONED.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I gave notice that when the report of this committee was presented, I would move that Rule 30 be suspended so far as relates to the adoption of this report.

Hon. Mr. THORNE.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not rise for the purpose of offering any strenuous opposition to the motion made by the hon. leader of the Opposition—

Hon. MEMBERS—Hon. leader of the Government.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Yes, the hon. leader of the Government. Coming events cast their shadows before.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR—A long time before.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I think the First Minister of England says: 'Wait and see.' This is a somewhat important report and members have not had an opportunity of perusing it, and inasmuch as I understand the House does not propose to proceed to-day with the general business, but to adjourn as a mark of their respect for the memory of the late High Commissioner, this report had better stand over until to-morrow, and it will be printed.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It may stand.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—As notice has been given, it requires a majority of the House to have the motion stand.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I placed the notice on the paper at the instance of some hon. gentleman, desiring to meet the convenience of the House. However, owing to the objection having been raised by my hon. friend, I am quite willing to let it stand until to-morrow.

The motion was withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON moved that the report of the committee be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

### RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

#### FIRST READING.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN introduced Bill (A) 'An Act to amend the Railway Act with respect to the Deposit of Plans.' He said: I may say the Bill passed this House unanimously last year, and as there is going to be a consolidation of the Railway Act, and as the minister virtually promised me to incorporate this measure in the Act, it is well that he should know that the Senate has not changed its mind.

The Bill was read the first time.

### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—Yesterday I read to the House from a letter written by Mr.