

• (1600)

A great many other thoughts went through my mind in looking at what needs to be done. I concluded, rather philosophically, that any country which still has a foreign monarch as head of state has some growing up to do.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

On motion of Senator Berntson, bill referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, the Senate will now adjourn during pleasure to await the arrival of the Honourable the Deputy of his Excellency the Governor General.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Peter deC. Cory, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Deputy Speaker, the Honourable Deputy Governor General was pleased to give Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of eighteen (*Bill C-111, Chapter 5, 1993*)

An Act to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act and another Act in consequence thereof (*Bill C-99, Chapter 6, 1993*)

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (air and maritime safety) (*Bill C-69, Chapter 7, 1993*)

An Act to amend the Divorce Act and the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act (*Bill C-79, Chapter 8, 1993*)

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of his Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

• (1610)

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

CANADA POST CORPORATION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Michael A. Meighen, moved second reading of Bill C-73, to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act.

He said: Honourable senators, and Honourable Senator Frith in particular, I feel I owe you the same courtesy that I extended to my friend Senator Grimard to my left, which courtesy reminded me of you. I thought that I would alert you that my speech is *pas mal long et pas mal plate! Alors, je vous avertis d'avance.*

In spite of that introduction, honourable senators, I am pleased to rise to lead off second reading debate on Bill C-73, to amend the Canada Post Corporation.

Today is *un jour d'anniversaire* and I have a certain interest in that matter. I was struck by a small item that appeared in the "Thoughts Du Jour", sounds like some *franglais*, that I discovered in the *Globe and Mail*. It was attributed to one Erik Satie, a Frenchman, and as we know, the French are particularly trenchant observers of the human condition.

Senator Frith: That would be the composer.

Senator Meighen: Indeed. He died in 1925, so I am not that familiar with him.

Senator Frith: He never said anything unkind about you, as far as we know.

Senator Meighen: He did say:

When I was young, I was told, "You will see when you are 50." I am now 50 and I haven't seen a thing.

For those of you, honourable colleagues, who have reached 50, as I have, certainly you will relate to that.

I should also welcome Senator Barootes' comments and comment upon them, but since he is not here I will not make any reference to today's launch to which he referred, other than to welcome, on behalf of the Honourable Jean Charest, Kim Campbell into the race.

Senator Frith: It is not too *plate* so far.

Senator Meighen: Returning to the matter at hand, honourable colleagues, you will want to know that this bill will create a share structure to allow all 57,000 employees of Canada Post to participate in an employee share savings plan. It will make a positive contribution to labour relations at Canada Post by giving employees the opportunity to contribute to the prosperity of the organization and to share in that prosperity which they have helped to create.