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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

MOTION AND DISCUSSION

Hon. A. D. McRAE rose in accordance with the following notice:

That this House is of opinion that Canada should withdraw from membership in the League of Nations, and that no further money should be voted to the league.

He said: Honourable senators, in discussing the motion before the House, may I say I am confident we all desire the same objective, that is, world peace. I am sure the Canadian people as a whole are anxious to do what they can, consistent with the wellbeing and the continued existence of our Dominion, to help bring about the greatest of all worldly aims, the abolishment of war.

The League of Nations, regarding which there is a difference of opinion among the Canadian people, is a proper subject for discussion, more particularly at this time, when war is in the offing, and our responsibilities as a member of the League in the next war may develop into something more serious than we Canadians are willing to assume.

The public discussions of the activities of the League have presented only one side of the picture. Those who regard the League as no longer serving a useful purpose have been very hesitant in expressing their views, as well they might be, for I find among my extra-loyal friends a feeling that it is a sort of disloyalty on my part to introduce this motion, and again, others think that this is not an opportune time to bring up the subject.

I am hopeful that in any event the debate on my motion will result in placing before Parliament and the country sufficient facts to enable them to decide the part, if any, Canada should continue to play in the League of Nations.

May I remind honourable members of the new status which we enjoy as an independent nation. As a sovereign state Canada is a member of the League the same as any other

THE SENATE

Speaker: HON. PIERRE EDOUARD BLONDIN

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

LANDS OF INDIANS

ORDER FOR RETURN

Hon. J. J. HUGHES moved:

That an Order of the House be issued for a return showing:—

1. What is the estimated cost to the Dominion under the various treaties with the Indians, to extinguish their rights and interests in the lands described in such treaties?

2. In what provinces were or are these lands situated?

3. What annual amounts in cash and goods, are now payable under the terms of these treaties?

4. Were these lands, or any of them, later sold, and if so, in what manner and to whom?

5. What is the total amount received by the Dominion from the sale or disposition of these lands and what is the estimated cost of their administration?

6. Have all or part of these lands been transferred to the provinces, and if so, under what terms and conditions?

The motion was agreed to.

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