

haps the right honourable gentleman would care to tell us why the Royal Assent was given to a number of bills a couple of days prior to prorogation.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The reason was, as I understand it, that supply runs out on Saturday, the end of this month, and that it was absolutely necessary to have the Supply Bill assented to. In respect of that Bill it would not do to take a chance on our proroguing by Saturday.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I notice that the Royal Assent was given to the Act respecting Banks and Banking, which comes into force on the 1st of July. It makes extensive amendments to our banking legislation, in order that that may fit in with the proposed Bank of Canada Act. Yet there may be no Bank of Canada Act by Saturday evening.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The fitting-in can be postponed a day or so in the event that we do not prorogue by Saturday.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I thought that possibly the anxiety to get supply through was due to the desire that the Government, if it became alarmed over a certain threatened resolution, should be in a position to go to the country.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will the right honourable gentleman tell us if it is intended that the Banking and Commerce Committee shall meet immediately after the Senate adjournment or this evening?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: It will meet as soon as we adjourn here.

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

THE SENATE

Friday, June 29, 1934.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE REPORTS

STATIONERY SUPPLIES

Hon. W. H. SHARPE presented the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts and moved concurrence therein.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand there are three other reports. Should they not stand for consideration until to-morrow?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: There is no reason for deferring consideration of this report.

The motion was agreed to.

SENATE PRESS REPORTERS

Hon. Mr. SHARPE presented the eighth report of the committee, and moved concurrence therein.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Would the honourable gentleman explain?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: It just provides for the maintenance of the Senate press reporters at half pay during the recess.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: It is only a recommendation to the effect that Mr. Tom Blacklock and a couple of others employed during the session be continued after the session at half pay.

The motion was agreed to.

EXCISE BILL

CONFERENCE OF THE TWO HOUSES

The Hon. the SPEAKER presented a message from the House of Commons requesting a free conference with the Senate to consider certain amendments made by the Senate to Bill 89, an Act to amend and consolidate the Excise Act, to which amendments the House of Commons has not agreed, and upon which the Senate insists; and to consider also any amendment which at such conference it may be considered desirable to make to the said Bill or amendments thereto.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate has agreed to the free conference desired with the Senate for the purpose of communicating the reasons which induced the Commons not to concur in the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 89, intituled an Act to amend and consolidate the Excise Act, and has appointed the Right Hon. Senator Meighen and Hon. Senators Copp and Côté as managers on their part of the said conference, and also that the managers of the free conference on the part of the Senate will meet in Senate Committee Room No. 258 at six o'clock p.m. on this 29th day of June instant.

The motion was agreed to.

FARMERS' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT BILL

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMONS

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received the following message from the House of Commons:

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House agrees to their amendment to clause 3 of Bill No. 92.