

I am greatly impressed by the outstanding names of the promoters, as given in the preamble of the bill. They are men of great ability, experience and substance. No doubt can exist as to their ability to make a success of a new bank. I have the utmost respect and confidence in them in that regard. With a little more time I shall be able to express a more considered opinion on the question of expediency: should we or should we not wait until the report of the royal commission is received and the Bank Act is submitted to us for decennial revision? I think it is wise for us to consider that aspect before creating a precedent which might prove embarrassing when other applications are received.

Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the honourable Senator Croll, the adjournment of this debate until Wednesday next, March 11.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Vien, debate adjourned.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the first report of the Committee of Selection which was presented on February 27.

Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien moved the adoption of the report.

Report adopted.

APPOINTMENT

Leave having been given to revert to notices of motions:

Hon. John J. Connolly with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the senators mentioned in the first report of the Committee of Selection, as having been chosen to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the several committees with which their respective names appear in said report, to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time, and that the Committee on Standing Orders be authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required; and also that the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts have power, without special reference by the Senate, to consider any matter affecting the internal economy of the Senate, and such committee shall report the result of such consideration to the Senate for action.

He said: May I say that this is the usual motion made at this time in the session; I believe it is almost *pro forma*. There are three other motions to follow.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I presume that the motion now before us for consideration does not give any more authority to the Internal Economy Committee than it had before?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I think not—which perhaps is not enough.

Motion agreed to.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

MESSAGE TO COMMONS—SENATE MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West) with leave of the Senate, moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table to inform that house that the Honourable Senators Belisle, Cameron, Davies, Fergusson, Fournier (De Lanaudiere), Gladstone, Gouin, Haig, Irvine, Lambert, MacDonald (Queens), O'Leary (Antigonish-Guysborough), Pouliot, Reid, Vien, White and Yuzyk have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both houses on the said Library.

Motion agreed to.

PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

MESSAGE TO COMMONS—SENATE MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West) with leave of the Senate, moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that House that the Honourable Senators Blais, Bouffard, Bradley, Comeau, Davies, Dupuis, Flynn, Isnor, McGrand, O'Leary (Antigonish-Guysborough), Pearson, Phillips, Reid, Savoie, Smith (Kamloops), Stambaugh, Sullivan, Welch, Willis and Wood have been appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the Senate during the present session and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament.

Motion agreed to.