

virtue of a commission or in virtue of the law.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I may say to my hon. friend that a commission has been specially issued within the last few days.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: When did we have the commission?

Some hon. SENATORS: Take it for granted.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON: We will take the word of the leader of the House.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I think that commission should be laid on the Table and it should be inserted in our minutes.

The commission was then read by the Clerk.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I suppose this is the vindication of the point I raised the other day. I am going now to raise another one. The commission reads: "Given under my hand and seal at Ottawa this eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen." The honourable leader of the House stated a few moments ago that that commission was made only within the last few days. There is something wrong.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: There is nothing wrong about that.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: On the contrary. Words are put in the mouth of His Excellency which are untrue. On the 11th November last His Excellency the Governor General never signed the document given to us to-day, for the simple reason that His Grace the Duke of Devonshire had not then arrived at Ottawa. Moreover, we have just been told by the leader of this House that this Commission has been specially issued within the last few days. Evidently there is something wrong.

Hon. Mr. POWER: It is a good thing to have that Commission on record in our minutes.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, at eight o'clock p.m.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, April 24, 1917.

The Senate met at eight o'clock p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF THE SENATE.

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that a Commission under the

Great Seal had been granted to Austin Ernest Blount, appointing him the Clerk of the Senate.

The Commission was read, and His Honour the Speaker administered the Oath of Office to the Clerk.

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing Austin Ernest Blount Master in Chancery.

The said Commission was read.

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that Austin Ernest Blount had been appointed Commissioner under the Great Seal, to administer Oaths to Members of the Senate of Canada.

The Commission making this appointment was read.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: It is ordered that these Commissions be placed on the Journals of the House.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Ordered by whom, Mr. Speaker?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I gave the order.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I did not know if I heard correctly. In my time if I had given an order of that kind I would have been called to account immediately. What authority have you, Mr. Speaker, to govern this House? I think the Senate should order these things, through the channel of the Speaker. I did not know that the Speaker had any authority to say, "I order that to be put on the Journals."

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I thought that myself.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: As it was a formal matter, I thought it was not necessary to ask the permission of the House. To please my honourable friend I ask the permission of the House, and if the House is against that—

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: It is just for that reason that I raised the point of order. I want to say a few words on this matter, but there is nothing before the Chair. If a motion were made we would have a chance to say a word.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think these proceedings go on the Journals of the House as a matter of course, and a motion to that effect is not necessary.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Any proceeding of this House should be entered in