

order promulgated by the House of Commons is effective. It may be that the lobby behind the Throne and the lobby in front of the entrance to the House of Commons, because of the open grill-work, are regarded as part of the floor of the House. I do not know whether that is the case or not, but if it is, it seems to me to be a very radical departure from the privilege which was extended particularly to members of this House in the old Parliament Buildings. There is no reason why there should be a stricter rule enforced against the visit of a Senator to the lobbies of the House of Commons than previously. It is very desirable that good relations should exist between the two Houses, because whatever rules may be passed by the House of Commons, if they operate as a restraint upon senators, will probably be duplicated in this House, so that similar rules may operate equally by way of restraint upon the members of the House of Commons. I am not suggesting—

Hon. Mr. POIRIER: Der tag.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I am not suggesting reprisals in any sense, but it is desirable that we should have uniformity, to say the least.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: Reciprocity.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: May I therefore suggest that His Honour the Speaker of the Senate take up the matter with His Honour the Speaker of the House of Commons, so that there may be a good understanding as between both Houses and a mutuality of privileges.

Hon. FREDERIC NICHOLLS: Honourable gentlemen, while this matter is under discussion I would like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the seating arrangement of the Senators' gallery in the House of Commons permits of only twenty seats. On ordinary occasions twenty seats may be ample, but when an important debate is in progress, many Senators who take an interest in the legislation which is being discussed and are anxious to learn at first hand the viewpoint of the Commoners, would be quite unable to attend in the gallery reserved for them in order to listen to the debate instead of reading about it next day in Hansard. It seems to me that twenty chairs in the gallery space provided in the new House of Commons are altogether too small a proportion to be allotted to the Senate. I would suggest to the honourable leader of the House that His Honour the Speaker

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be requested to take that matter also into consideration.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable gentlemen, I am glad to have my attention called to the complaint of the honourable member from Bedford (Hon. Mr. Pope), and also to hear the suggestions made by the honourable leader of the Government in this House. I shall call the attention of the Speaker of the House of Commons to these matters and try to have them arranged. I shall at the same time mention that the number of seats in the gallery allotted to the members of this House is not sufficient.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, March 3, consideration of the motion for an Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Hon. F. L. SCHAFFNER: Honourable gentlemen, in asking your indulgence for a short time this afternoon, may I say that I have decided to make some remarks because it appears to me that this is about the only opportunity the members of this House have of speaking on certain subjects. In the other Chamber we had at least two opportunities, and sometimes a third.

My first intention was to confine my remarks almost entirely to two questions: one of these is the agrarian movement in this country and the entry of farmers into politics, and I was presumptuous enough to intend to discuss, as the second question, the machinery of this honourable body. But after listening to my honourable friend from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) yesterday, I decided it would be necessary for me to make a few other remarks before entering upon the discussion of the subject on which I had made some preparation.

There seems to have been since the beginning of this session a concerted action to abuse—I do not think that is too strong a word—the present Union Government. Since I entered this House I have learned to respect very highly the ability of the honourable gentleman who spoke yesterday. I have a very high appreciation of his mental qualities. I have also found him a very amiable man. So yesterday I had to conclude that something was wrong—that my honourable friend was not exactly