

You will be asked to sanction the calling of a conference between the federal and provincial governments to consider the advisability of amending the British North America Act with respect to the constitution and powers of the Senate, and in other important particulars.

Your attention will also be invited, during the course of the session, to certain trade agreements, to legislation respecting the handling and marketing of Canadian grain and to other important matters.

Members of the House of Commons:

The public accounts for the last fiscal year, and the estimates for the coming year, will be promptly submitted. In the preparation of the estimates, regard has been had to the need for continued economy with respect to the public services and public works.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence guide and bless your deliberations.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

RAILWAY BILL

FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act relating to Railways.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered, that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

ABSENT SENATORS

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I desire to express in your name the sympathy of this House to the leader of the party that faces me, the Hon. Sir James Lougheed, who has from this seat for many years directed the proceedings in this Chamber. We all of us heard with regret of his illness. I saw him yesterday, and have much pleasure in announcing that I found him much improved. I hope that a few weeks by the seaside will bring him back to health.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Some of our other colleagues whose health has not been as good as it might be are improving also, and when we meet again, after the first adjournment of the Senate, if not next week, I hope we shall find our happy family within these walls complete.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 10, 1925.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the following Senators were appointed a Committee on Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session: Right Honourable Sir George E. Foster, the Honourable Messieurs Belcourt, Barnard, Daniel, Prowse, Robertson, Tanner, Watson, Willoughby and the mover.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

ILLNESS OF HON. SIR JAMES LOUGHEED— BEREAVEMENT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. G. D. ROBERTSON: Honourable gentlemen, before the Orders of the Day are called, I crave an opportunity on behalf of honourable gentlemen on this side of the House to express our appreciation of the kindly and timely reference which our honourable friend the leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) made to the illness and absence of our beloved leader last Thursday. We rejoice particularly in the fact that the honourable member from Calgary (Hon. Sir James Lougheed), who has been temporarily laid aside through illness, is now convalescing. The feelings of both sides of the House were most fittingly expressed in the words of my honourable friend, and I felt that this was probably the best time to give expression to the appreciation of this side of the House of his remarks on that occasion.

While on my feet may I also say that I am sure I voice the feelings of the members of this side of the House in expressing our deep regret at the bereavement that has come to His Honour the Speaker of the House of Commons, and in saying that the sympathy of the members of this House goes out to him and to his family at this time. I would respectfully suggest that the leader of the Government should convey the sentiments of this House to that honourable gentleman in order that he may know of our sympathy for him at a time when probably sympathy brings some comfort.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, it will be with great pleasure that I will transmit to His Honour the Speaker of