

be in a position to deal with the whole problem submitted by the present resolution and amend the Act so as to make it more suitable to meet the disorganized conditions that the depression has brought about in society, industry and even in our national life.

Hon. ARTHUR SAUVE: Honourable senators, may I express my congratulations and thanks to the honourable leader of the Government and other honourable senators in respect of their very interesting remarks and their co-operation in this debate on a question of cardinal importance. But in view of the fact that the Government has still not enunciated any conclusive policy on immigration and repatriation, I will move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: To resume it next session?

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Is my honourable friend going to accept the suggestion of the honourable senator from Essex (Hon. Mr. Lacasse)?

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Sauvé, the debate was adjourned.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We are awaiting the pleasure of the House of Commons. I suggest that we call it six o'clock and return here at eight.

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. LITTLE: Honourable senators, it is still very doubtful just when the Commons will have the Supply Bill ready for us. I would therefore move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure. My leader asked me to intimate to the House that he thought the sitting might be resumed about 10 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I think it would be well to set the hour at 10 o'clock. I may say that I have had a short interview with the honourable the Minister of Justice and he assures me that the other House will finish its work and prorogation will take place to-night.

Hon. Mr. LITTLE: I think that will be quite satisfactory. The bell will ring at 10 o'clock.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, one never knows when the House of Commons will finish its work. We are now

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: and all of us are

awaiting with patience the last act of the popular assembly, the voting of supply. If the Commons finish their labours before midnight, members of Parliament will be free from further attendance, and may return home and celebrate the King's Birthday tomorrow with the satisfaction of having done their duty.

TRIBUTE TO CURATOR OF READING-ROOM

On the motion to adjourn during pleasure:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Before I move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, I desire to say a few words concerning the retirement of an old employee. I refer to Mr. E. E. Bérubé, the curator of the reading-room. He entered the Senate as a page boy in 1886, and for fifty years has been a faithful employee of this Chamber. Most honourable senators have had occasion to require his services in the reading-room. He has been a devoted servant, and before he leaves us I should like to state that the members of the Senate have been completely satisfied with the way in which he has discharged his duties. We wish him long life to enjoy his well-earned leisure. For the thirty-eight years I have been here I have seen him at work. I hope that during his days of retirement he will pray that I myself may complete fifty years of service in this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I am very glad indeed of this opportunity to associate myself with the leader of the Government in the very fitting and timely reference he has made to Mr. Bérubé, an old and valued employee who is now retiring by reason of having reached the age of superannuation. It is indeed greatly to his credit that he has served this House and the Parliament of Canada so faithfully and well during the long period of half a century. I should like to join with the leader of the Government in hoping that Mr. Bérubé may enjoy good health and live for many years to enjoy the pension he so richly deserves.

May I add that it is the unanimous desire and wish of this House that our gifted and genial leader of the Government may not only complete his fiftieth year as a member of this House, but may also be with us for many years to follow.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.