

on the battlefields of France and Belgium. As a result of her contribution to victory, Canada, through Premier Borden, in 1919 signed at Versailles the Treaty and the Covenant of the League of Nations. Canada in her own name became a member of the League.

Canada was then still called a "dominion", but the meaning of that word had radically changed. Only foreigners would still call Canada a colony, and we would resent it deeply. Canada has marched on; she has acquired an international status.

Canada continued to march forward under the leadership of the late Mr. King. She opened her first legations abroad, in spite of those who did not believe that such a step was compatible with the status of a dominion. By the Statute of Westminster, 1931, the Dominions have been recognized as equal members of the Commonwealth with Great Britain. With such an equality of status, our Dominion has so much grown and evolved since 1867 that it is no longer a "dominion" within the meaning first given to that term. Canada, as you know, continued to march on during the days between the two wars, and in particular during the period when the dark clouds of the second world conflict began to approach and to roll over our heads. Canada, represented by Mr. King, the United States, represented by Mr. Roosevelt, agreed to form a permanent joint defence board, in spite, again, of those who contended that such a step was incompatible with our status as a Dominion.

1939! Poland is attacked! Canada marches on! Canada, as a free and independent nation, declares war in her own name against the German aggressor. 1940! Canada marches on, for a while as the main ally of Great Britain, and as one of the few allies surviving of those who had entered the conflict. 1941! Pearl Harbour! And Canada marches on again, this time declaring war against the Japanese aggressor, even before Great Britain. Certainly Canada has marched on: the so-called Dominion of 1867 had no right either to make a treaty or to declare war in her own name. During the last conflict, as you know, one million men and women entered our armed forces. Overseas, and on our shoulder badges, there was only one word, "Canada". Canada marched on in Normandy, in Asia, in Africa, in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. All of those who served overseas felt proud of being Canadians—just Canadians.

A few years ago, by our Canadian Citizenship Act, we became legally entitled to use the word "Canadian citizens"—again in spite of those who attempted to slow down the

process of emancipation and the march of Canada towards fuller sovereignty and independence. Canada marches on! And as Canadian citizens since 1945 we have been called upon to make ever greater sacrifices to contain and to prevent aggression. We shall continue, probably for many years, to be asked to shoulder the always heavier burden of national defence.

But, Canada marches on. Such sacrifices will be accepted courageously by all Canadians worthy of that name, if such sacrifices are asked of them in the name of Canada—only in the name of Canada.

Yes, Canada still marches on; and we consider ourselves Canadians, only Canadians, not "Dominionees" or anything of the kind. Our country does not need any other name than Canada, only Canada, and we cannot regard ourselves as being dominated by any other power, whatever its name. The word "dominion" is for me a thing of the past. Let the dead bury their dead.

Yes, indeed, Canada marches on—always forward. So let us march together straight ahead, towards ever greater freedom towards fuller independence. Canada marches on, a free and sovereign country.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL GALLERY BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 42, an Act respecting the National Gallery of Canada.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 42, an Act respecting the National Gallery of Canada, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 43, an Act to amend the Civil Service Act.