

ing the Senate Chamber instead of any improvised Chamber that might be fitted up for the purpose, when the Parliament building is opened. It does not necessarily follow, however, that we shall meet in the new building at the next session. I know the judgment of the Prime Minister is that we should not take possession of the building until both Chambers are completed.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I am a member of the Building Committee, together with my honourable friend from Portage la Prairie (Hon. Mr. Watson) and my honourable friend the Minister of Labour (Hon. Mr. Robertson), and while in the committee there has been an opinion that we might take possession next year, yet nothing has really been decided.

Personally I have always been in favour of the completion of the entire building before we take possession of it, and, that being the case, I hope that the apprehensions expressed by my honourable friend from Toronto will not be realized, namely, that the Commons will occupy their Chamber while the Senate will have to occupy improvised accommodation. There is no good reason why the work on the Senate Chamber should not be prosecuted with every vigour, with a view of having it completed at the earliest possible day. I cannot give any explanation as to why the Commons Chamber is to be completed at an earlier period than the Senate Chamber, unless it be that a more expensive class of work is being placed upon the Senate Chamber which may perhaps have delayed operations.

However, I shall be very glad to make further inquiry into the matter. In the meantime I think I can assure my honourable friend that the views of the Prime Minister will be carried out, namely, that we shall not occupy the building until both Chambers are completed, which will probably not be before 1921.

Hon ROBERT WATSON: As my name has been mentioned in connection with this matter, I should like to say just a few words with regard to it. I think the Committee has done everything possible to facilitate the completion of the building. As you all know, it was almost impossible for a time to get labour. We have had to contend with strikes and with demands for increased wages. As the honourable leader of the House has just stated, one of the reasons why the work on the Senate Chamber has not proceeded as rapidly as the work on the House of Com-

mons is that it is very difficult at the present time to get artisans who are capable of doing the work that is required in the Senate Chamber. However, the architect assures me that fair progress is now being made in the work at the Senate end. Whether it will be completed in time for next February or not I do not know, but I think it is hardly practicable.

As to temporary accommodation, the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons might be used by the Senate. It is a larger room than this, its dimensions being 65 feet by 42 feet.

The work on the House of Commons Chamber being of a commoner class is nearer completion. With my colleagues on the Committee I can assure you that everything possible will be done to facilitate the completion of the Senate wing. It will be for the Senate and the Commons, I suppose, with the concurrence of the Government, to say whether the building shall be occupied before it is completed. I have no doubt that the judgment of the members will be fully canvassed before anything is done.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY—THE DEBATE CONCLUDED.

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of the motion for an Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. L. O. DAVID: Honourable gentlemen, I moved the adjournment of the debate yesterday because I thought that the honourable member for De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) and the honourable member for Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) would be present to-day and would perhaps like to take part in the discussion on the Address. I am ready to give my place to either of those gentlemen if they wish to speak.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Go on.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: Yesterday I asked the honourable the leader of the House why it was that a French senator did not move or second the Address. The answer of the honourable gentleman did not satisfy me. First, he said he thought I was a little facetious. Well, I was not; I was serious. Then he said that he welcomed my sense of humour. I pray the honourable gentleman to think that I was serious. The honourable gentleman further explained that there were no newly-appointed French senators. Well, all the old members of this House must know that from time immemorial,