

Friday, February 20, 1942.

Resolved, that on Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1942, the sitting of the House shall be a secret session until the House shall then otherwise order, and that all strangers be ordered to withdraw during such secret session; provided, however, that this Order shall not affect the privilege enjoyed by members of the Senate of being present at debates in this House.

(Signed) Arthur Beauchesne,  
Clerk of the House of Commons.

### THE LATE SENATOR GORDON

#### POSTPONEMENT OF TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I had intended to make reference at this time to the sudden demise, in the last adjournment period, of one of our esteemed colleagues, the Hon. George Gordon, but I received a letter from a friend of his, who could not be present this evening, asking that any such references be postponed to our next sitting. I have therefore agreed not to make any remarks about the late Senator until the 10th of March.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, when last month I moved adjournment until to-day I expected that the discussion on the Address in the Commons would be comparatively short and that some legislation would come to us for attention by this time. But, whereas we passed the Address in forty-eight hours, the House of Commons disposed of it only after a month's debate. Taking cognizance of this fact, and bearing in mind the time which will probably be required for the Commons to send us some legislation, I move that when the Senate adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Tuesday evening, March 10, at 8 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m.

### THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 3, 1942.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### CANADA'S WAR EFFORT—PRODUCTION AND ENLISTMENTS

##### RETURN

On the inquiry by Hon. Mr. Tanner:

1. What is the number of tanks built in Canada, completely equipped and ready for  
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active service? What is the number of them respectively sent to England, to Russia, to North Africa, and elsewhere?

2. At what date was the first lot of contracts awarded for the construction of steel cargo ships in Canada, (1) on orders and account of the United Kingdom, (2) on orders and account of Canada? How many ships did the orders cover respectively; and of what tonnage? What is the total number of such ships now contracted for, (1) on United Kingdom orders and account, and (2) on Canada's orders and account; and of what tonnages respectively? How many of these ships have been completed and are now in active service? Of what tonnages are they?

3. What is the total number of training aircraft built in Canada during the years 1940 and 1941 respectively? What is the number of training aircraft supplied by the United Kingdom to Canada in each of said years? What is the number of training aircraft brought to Canada from the United States in each of said years?

4. What is the number of fighter aircraft and bomber aircraft, respectively, built in Canada and equipped here in each of the years 1940 and 1941, (1) on United Kingdom orders and account, and (2) on Canadian orders and account? What is the number on United Kingdom account and on Canadian account, respectively, delivered ready for active service? Were any of the aircraft built on Canadian account sent to England, the Middle East or Russia; and if so how many of each class?

5. What is the number of men now in Canada who voluntarily enlisted in the Canadian army for service anywhere?

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have an answer for the honourable gentleman, and it is a long one. I ask that the inquiry be taken as an order for a return, and I table the return forthwith.

#### EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC HEALTH

##### RETURN

On the inquiry by Hon. Mr. Sauvé:

1. What is the total amount of the expenses made by the Government during the last five years to protect and improve public health and to repress diseases?

2. How much has the Government of each province spent during the same period for the said purposes?

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would ask that this inquiry be taken as an order for a return, which I table forthwith.

#### WAR PRODUCTION—GRANTS FOR WINTER ROADS

##### INQUIRY

On the inquiry by Hon. Mr. Sauvé:

1. Has the Government granted, or has it the intention to grant, indemnities to rural municipalities keeping open winter roads for the transportation of labourers to war plants?

2. If not, why not?