

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Is it your pleasure, honourable members, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Carried.

Some Hon. SENATORS: No.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Those in favour will please say content.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Those opposed will please say non-content.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Non-content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I am reminded that in order to carry, this resolution must be adopted unanimously. The Rules provide that one day's notice must be given.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: My honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Beaubien) could give notice of motion for to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Honourable members, I think there is a strong preponderance of opinion that the Senate should adjourn this evening until the 20th, in accordance with the suggestion of the right honourable the leader of the House. If that is so, I would ask my colleagues to withdraw their opposition. Otherwise, I shall have to give notice of motion for the adjournment, and that will necessitate our meeting here to-morrow afternoon.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I have known voting to be done on Friday.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Honourable members, I am one of those who will be staying in Ottawa all next week in any event, because I have made arrangements to do so and my home is at a considerable distance. But it does seem to me that nothing is to be gained by our refusing to adjourn to-night. If we had any work to do, I would gladly come here, but I do not want to have to put in an appearance ever day if we are simply to meet and adjourn. That would be a far more ridiculous procedure than to adjourn now for the period suggested by the right honourable leader of the House. It has been said that the committees have not been appointed. However, the Committee of Selection has been appointed and we shall be just as far ahead when we meet on the 20th, with respect to committee work, as if we sat from now until that date, because in the meantime we should have no work for our committees to do. I appeal to the good judgment and kindness of honourable members on both sides of the House to let the motion for adjournment pass.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable members, I thought that perhaps we might have met yesterday or this morning to appoint the committees, but the right honourable leader of the House, who found that he would have to be away to-day, informed me before leaving that on consulting with members of the Government he learned no bills would be available for introduction into this House for a couple of weeks at least; therefore he had decided to ask the Senate to adjourn until the 20th. Of course, unless the motion is unanimously adopted a notice will have to be given, but I should like to inform honourable members that a number of our colleagues have left the city, having taken it for granted that the right honourable gentleman's suggestion as to adjournment would be adopted. I am quite ready to attend at any time that the House sits, but in view of the statement of the right honourable gentleman I intend to support the motion.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable members, I am not going to oppose the motion. I was informed by the right honourable leader of the House yesterday that this motion would be made. I raised no objection to it then, and I will not do so in his absence.

My principal object in rising was to mention another matter, although I may be out of order in doing so. I feel that we, the older members of the Senate, have been slightly rebuked by our junior colleagues who have spoken on this motion. They cannot understand why men who are paid to do the work of the country should not be doing it. Now, as an example of what the Senate did by way of investigating the St. Lawrence Waterway I refer them to a report made by a committee of the House on that subject, where they will find more information than can be obtained in many reports from some places I could mention.

There must be some of our newer members who, with their young and vigorous minds, are actively interested in industry and agricultural life and can give us some valuable assistance in dealing with our present difficulties. We in this country are not going to lie down; we intend to carry on, and we want to put the right foot forward. While I cannot agree with my honourable friend from Vancouver (Hon. Mr. McRae) that we should withdraw from the League of Nations, I am in sympathy with many things he said. If they are worth while, let us look into them. Some of the best speeches I have ever heard have been made this week during the debate on the Address—speeches that got right down