

must recognize the fact that Canada is now a nation, and aim at developing our internal structure and constitution so as to make that fact clear to the world.

Having regard to the admittedly important position that Canada today occupies in international affairs—a position that we have achieved for ourselves since confederation—it is idle for us, in the kind of world in which we now live, to make pretensions of nationhood so long as we retain some of the habiliments of a colonial and juvenile status. If we are in fact a full-fledged nation, let us get rid of those habiliments, not in a spirit of hate or destruction, but simply because they are no longer useful, necessary or desirable for us. Let us discard them at this time. Let us pay tribute, if we will, to those who helped us in the past, in the period of our growth and development, but at the same time let us remember that our duty now is to endeavour to build up Canada, so that it may become an even greater and better country than it is at present.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, the question is on the motion for the second reading of Bill 2, an Act to amend the Supreme Court Act. Shall the motion carry?

Some Hon. Senators: Carried.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: On division.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time, on division.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, I have an open mind as to whether this bill should be referred to a committee.

Hon. Mr. Howard: No; pass it.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: As I say, I have an open mind on the matter. It contains some clauses that honourable senators might wish to discuss in detail. I am in the hands of the house.

Hon. Mr. Haig: There is no need to send the bill to committee.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: In the circumstances, then, have I the leave of the house to move that the bill be now read the third time?

Some Hon. Senators: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Then, with leave, I move that the bill be read the third time.

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

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT AMENDMENT

ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY—MOTION

On the order for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Farris that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, requesting an amendment to the British North America Act, 1867.

Hon. Mr. Howard: Honourable senators, this order stands in my name because I adjourned the debate yesterday to preserve the opportunity for any senator who wished to speak. I have nothing to say, and if no one else desires to speak at this time I will agree to adoption of the resolution.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I move adjournment of the debate.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Haig was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.