

The Royal Assent

the bell rings we will come back to our places here to receive the messenger from the other place.

Mr. Green: It will only be a few minutes.

Mr. St. Laurent: I imagine it will take quite a few minutes for the other place to give consideration to this bill. I know my experience has been that there are always some remarks made about the fact that they are required to consider a matter of such importance in a very short time. Therefore I would imagine that it would certainly not be possible for this house to resume its sitting before six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: The sitting is suspended.

At 5.40 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

SITTING RESUMED

The sitting resumed at 6.15 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I might take the few minutes at our disposal to inform hon. members that because of the fact that the members of our staff have been working strenuously, especially in the last month, we have decided to give the usual three days bonus to our sessional employees.

We have also considered the week end which follows Confederation day. Hon. members will have noticed that July 1 falls on a Thursday and our permanent employees would have had to come back to work on Friday, July 2, and would be off on July 3 and 4. We have, therefore, decided to give them the long week end from July 1 until Monday, July 5. I am sure all hon. members will approve.

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): On behalf of all members, Mr. Speaker, I think I should say what has been said many times during the session, that we appreciate the courtesy and care with which you attend to your duties, and the needs particularly of those who become embroiled in arguments on procedure. I am sure that the house has approved of your dignified, careful and efficient discharge of the duties of the office you hold.

May I also thank my hon. friends opposite for being so kind on many occasions in assisting me in arranging the business of the house. I wish to say that I agree with everything that has been said to the effect that the working of the house can be assisted materially by arrangements that are reached and which, in most cases, can be carried out with a certain amount of patience and diligence.

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

Mr. Macdonnell: I should like to express thanks to the house leader for the great deal of trouble he has taken in trying to make the passing of the estimates as convenient as possible to those of us on this side.

As for you, Mr. Speaker, I think that I particularly should express this because you really have been very kind to me. We on this side do feel, with the greatest sincerity, that you have always tried to maintain the highest traditions of this house, including the tradition of strict impartiality.

Mr. Herridge: I wish to agree with all that has been said by the previous speakers, and to extend our appreciation for the courtesy extended by the leader of the house on many occasions, and our sincere affection for you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hansell: I am about, Mr. Speaker, to give the shortest speech in history. We concur.

Mr. Speaker: May I be permitted to say that these short speeches are sometimes very effective and very pleasant. I want to thank hon. members for their words of appreciation. I know that they are directed not only to myself but also to my deputy and the deputy chairman of committees—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: —as well as the Clerk of the House, the deputy clerk and the officials working under them, who have shown loyalty at all times and have given effective service to all hon. members. I thank all hon. members for their co-operation.

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A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber, the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act for the relief of Francis Walsh.

An act for the relief of Hilda Anne Darke Marshall.

An act for the relief of Claude Raphael Sacchitelle.

An act for the relief of Isabel Mary Peebles Brown Macartney-Filgate.

An act for the relief of Wilfrid Lavoie.

An act for the relief of Joseph Edgar Emilien Landry.

An act for the relief of Joseph Victor Gerard Fontaine.