

respective committees as they never, or very rarely, attended any of the meetings, while other hon. senators, who were in daily attendance, were left off of the important committees and given nothing to do. For these reasons I would like to get from the leader of the government the information I have just asked for. I have spoken to the leading members of the opposition, which, after all, is the dominant party in this House, and inquired of them if they had been consulted in regard to the formation of this striking committee and I was informed that none of them had been approached or consulted in the matter. This I consider a strange condition of things and one that in this House cannot be tolerated and should be put an end to at once.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Would the hon. senator from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Cloran) postpone further discussion on this subject and bring it in as a notice of motion which could be taken up on Tuesday next?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I shall be only too happy to do so.

The motion was allowed to stand.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1912.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and Routine Proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

The order of the day being called:

Consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General's Speech on the opening of the Second Session of the Twelfth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL said: The speech which His Royal Highness the Governor General addressed to Parliament on Thursday last was certainly a most impressive utterance from the fact that it foreshadowed legislation which will be received with the

greatest interest and attention throughout the whole of this country, and indeed further than that—some of it will create interest all the world over. Some of that legislation is of a purely domestic character, while part of it deals with the important matter of imperial and naval defence. I quite appreciate and understand that this afternoon is not the time or the occasion on which all these various matters should be taken up and discussed and I do not intend to do anything of that kind, but simply to refer to some of them in as brief a manner as possible.

The journey which His Royal Highness the Governor General, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia made throughout the whole length and breadth of this Dominion, during the vacation of parliament since last session, must certainly have been one of great interest to them and not only of great interest, but also of great educational value as well, insofar as it gave them the opportunity of observing at first hand the great extent and resources of this wonderful and large Dominion. They would also have the satisfaction, and they did have the satisfaction, of hearing in the various parts of this dominion expressions of that loyalty and devotion to the Crown and person of His Majesty which the people of this country always have felt in that regard. They would also have the opportunity of seeing the people of Canada actively engaged in their various occupations, and would see for themselves the great advance which has already been made and also the great opportunities which still lie in Canada for the future development of the land, the minerals and the various other resources which this country possesses. They would find, also, a contented and prosperous people, and a contented people because it was a prosperous people. This general prosperity is not a condition of very immediate growth. It is a condition that has been taking place in this Dominion for a great many years, and it will be a satisfaction to the hon. gentlemen here present to-day to know that the advance in trade and all the material interests of Canada has not been by any means less during the past