

Hon. G. D. ROBERTSON: I move the adjournment of the debate. I am not sure that I shall have anything to say to-morrow, but some other honourable gentlemen may wish to speak.

The debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 18, 1931.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY presented, and moved concurrence in, the report of the Committee of Selection.

He said: The names of the honourable members appointed to the various committees are stated, but I shall not read them, as the entire report will appear in the Minutes of Proceedings.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There have been very few changes made in the lists of those committees as they stood last year. It is somewhat difficult in organizing the committees to bring new senators into them. The impression prevails in the Senate that appointment to a committee is for life.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: A matter of vested rights.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: And that newcomers are eligible only when vacancies occur. It had been suggested—and this morning we acted upon the suggestion to a limited extent—that a senator who has been a member of a committee and for two sessions has not served on it should waive his traditional right to continue on that committee, just as he would forfeit his right to sit in the Senate if for two consecutive sessions he failed to attend. My purpose in mentioning this is that honourable members may realize that their prolonged absence from a committee will be an indication to the striking committee of the fact that they are not interested in the work.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Honourable members, perhaps I can facilitate the action of the Chamber in respect of what my honourable friend has said. For

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some years now I have had a position upon one of the committees of this House; I think, the Committee on Commerce and Trade Relations. The amount of work done and the burden of responsibility have not been very heavy. Perhaps under new conditions more work may be given to that committee. I should be very glad to bow to the inevitable and to vacate the place that I have unworthily held on that committee, in favour of one of the younger scouts of this Chamber.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Too late.

The report was concurred in.

PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that House that the Hon. Senators Aylesworth (Sir Allen), Buchanan, Chapais, Donnelly, Farrell, Green, Hatfield, Horsey, Legris, Lewis, McDonald, McLean, McLennan, Pope, Raymond, Robinson, Sharpe, Taylor, Todd, White (Inkerman) and White (Pembroke) be appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the Senate during the present session, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the printing of Parliament.

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX: Honourable members of the Senate, during the emergency session of last year I received Hansard of the previous session, but only the French version. I sent for the English version, but was denied it. At the opening of this session, or shortly before, I received Hansard for the emergency session, also in French. I value greatly the document in French, but I have always thought that members of either House were entitled to both the English and the French editions. I have made my complaint to our esteemed Clerk, and I should like the members of the Joint Committee to inform the Distribution Office that members of the Senate—I think I am the spokesman of all the French members of this House—would like to have both versions.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I presume the remarks of the honourable gentleman will be formally brought to the attention of the committee, although the members are present here to-day, and that they will be in a position to take such action in the matter as they deem fitting.

The motion was agreed to.