

## COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

### MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Wishart McL. Roberison:** Honourable senators, with the consent of the Senate I would move:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Ballantyne, Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Howard, Moraud, Sinclair and the mover, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

## OILS AND FATS

### RETURN TO ORDER

**Hon. Mr. Roberison:** I beg to lay on the table a return to an order of this house passed on June 10 last with respect to oils and fats. It will be recalled that this information was requested by the Right Honourable gentleman from Vancouver-Centre (Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie).

## DECEASED SENATORS

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE J. J. DONNELLY, G. V. WHITE, J. A. MACDONALD (CARDIGAN), J. A. MCDONALD (SHEDIAC), DONALD SUTHERLAND, C. P. BEAUBIEN AND BREWER ROBINSON.

**Hon. Wishart McL. Roberison:** Honourable senators, I regret to have to inform the house officially that since we last met we have lost a considerable number of our colleagues. One of them was the senior member of the Senate, others had graced this chamber for many years, and one was relatively young and a fairly recent appointee. However, death is no respecter of age. I am going to avail myself of this opportunity of referring briefly to our deceased colleagues, as no doubt other honourable senators will do, and I suggest that as a mark of respect we adjourn for the day at the conclusion of our tributes.

The Honourable Senator James J. Donnelly, South Bruce, died on October 20, 1948. He was born on November 14, 1866, at Pinkerton, Ontario, the son of James Donnelly and Ellen Desmond, and received his education there. In 1895 he married Julia C. McNab, the daughter of the late Michael McNab. They had seven children.

At an early age the late senator became interested in public life in his community. Successively, he was Reeve of Greenock Township for two years, and a member of Bruce County Council for four years. In 1902 he became Warden of the County of Bruce. He successfully contested the by-election of 1904 in South Bruce and took his seat in the House of Commons; and he was re-elected in the general elections of 1908

and 1911. A successful businessman, he engaged in lumbering and livestock farming. In spite of his many public duties he maintained active business interests, and was president of Donnelly Brothers, Limited, and a director of the Capital Trust Company.

Senator Donnelly was one of the pioneers of Bruce county, a fact to which he often referred with the greatest pride. He was a man of wide experience, excellent judgment and the kindest disposition. He was summoned to the Senate on May 27, 1913, and at the time of his death was the senior member of this house. He occupied here a position of great prominence, and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues, who held him in the highest regard.

Colonel the Honourable Senator Gerald Verner White, C.B.E., V.D., of Pembroke, died on October 24, 1948. He was born on July 6, 1879, at Pembroke, Ontario, the son of the Honourable Peter White and Janet R. Thomson. After being educated in the public schools there, he attended McGill University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering. On August 15, 1906, he married Mary Elizabeth Trites, of Petitcodiac, New Brunswick. They had three children.

Senator White began his career with the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1901, and was associated with that company in investigating its mining properties in British Columbia. In 1902 and 1903 he worked with the mineral department of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company, at Syndey, Nova Scotia, and then returned to Pembroke, as an associate of his father in the lumber business there. He served as a director of the Pembroke Lumber Company until 1920. He was at one time a director of the Thomas Pink Company and the Pembroke Woollen Mills, and at the time of his death was a director of the Steel Equipment Company of Canada.

The late senator's notable military career began in 1904, when he joined the active militia. He went overseas in the first World War, and was made a colonel in 1917. In June of that year he became Director of Timber Operations, Canadian Forestry Corps. In recognition of his distinguished military service he was created in 1918 a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

His distinguished political life began in a by-election in 1906, when he was elected to the House of Commons for North Renfrew, a seat that had been left vacant by the death of his father. He was again returned to the House of Commons in the general elections of 1908 and 1911. He was summoned to the Senate on November 16, 1919, and I do not need to remind honourable members of the prominent part that he played in the work of this house. As Chairman of the Internal