

I now occupy I remember fairly well that in the last weeks of the Session he had hardly time to have his meals, and none to go to Council. The information I give to my honourable friend I have gathered in the press, or perhaps in reports of what has taken place in another place. My honourable friend would perhaps like to see the Order in Council, and if so I will try to get it.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: Has an Order in Council been passed?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: As far as I have been informed through ordinary channels. A statement has been made in another place, and I would be very much surprised if my memory failed me in stating that the matter had been referred to the Supreme Court.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: The last letter the solicitors had from the Department would indicate that no Order in Council has been passed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will get that information before 8 o'clock to-night.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: If in order, I would like to say to the honourable gentleman from De Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) that the view he has taken of the situation is rather a narrow one for a gentleman who has always shown himself to be broad-minded. Railroads, particularly those with Dominion charters, are supposed to be built for the general advantage of Canada, and it would be absurd for any province to say that it would not allow the track of a road to enter its territory because it might bring a little trade to a town in another province.

As an illustration of how the Ontario Government looks upon such a situation, I may say that only two years ago it allowed the British American Nickel Company, which was then operating at Sudbury and wished to erect a very large plant for the purpose of refining nickel, to erect that plant in the province of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: That is not a similar case at all.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: To my mind it is. On questions of this nature I think it would be far better for all the provinces to consider that they are a part of Canada.

NEW CANADIAN FLAG

ANSWER TO INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I was asked this morning to produce the Orders in Council concerning the design of a Canadian flag. Here is the Order in Council of April 23, 1925:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report, dated 21st April, 1925, from the Minister of National Defence, stating that a distinctive Canadian Flag has been authorized to be used by Canadian Government owned vessels and by other vessels of Canadian registry, and that there is throughout the country a desire that there should also be adopted for use ashore a distinctive Flag which shall be recognized as the Flag of the Dominion of Canada.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that a committee be appointed to consider and report on the most suitable design that should be adopted for a Canadian National Flag for use ashore, and that this committee be composed of the following:

G. J. Desbarats, Esq., C.M.G., Deputy Minister of National Defence—Chairman.

Thomas Mulvey, Esq., B.A., K.C., Under-Secretary of State.

A. G. Doughty, Esq., C.M.G., L.L.D., Dominion Archivist.

Commodore Walter Hose, C.B.E., A.D.C., Director of the Naval Service.

Major-General H. A. Panet, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant General.

Group Captain J. S. Scott, M.C., A.F.C., A.D.C., Acting Director of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

(Sgd.) E. J. Lemaire,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

Another Order in Council was passed on the 20th of June:

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 20th June 1925, from the Minister of National Defence, submitting that in accordance with representations made in Parliament by the Prime Minister on the 17th June, 1925, with respect to the procedure that should be followed in regard to the question of the adoption of a Canadian National Flag for use ashore and that it is desirable that the matter should be decided by Parliament before any action should be taken thereon by a Committee, and recommending for these reasons that the Order in Council of the 23rd April, 1925 (P.C. 623) appointing a Committee to consider and report on the most suitable design for a Canadian National Flag for use ashore, be cancelled.

The Committee concur in the foregoing, and advise that the said Order in Council be cancelled, accordingly.

So very likely a Committee of the House of Commons or a Committee of the Senate can examine this matter next Session.

PENSION BILL

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Senate proceeded to consider the Message from the House of Commons disagreeing to certain amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 70, an Act to amend the Pension Act.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved:

Resolved, that the Senate doth insist upon its 17th amendment to Bill 70, an Act to amend the Pension Act, but doth not insist upon its 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, to which the House of Commons hath disagreed.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, the House of Commons has refused to accept a number of the amendments which were made by the