

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, when shall this motion be considered?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Next sitting, so that we may read it in the meantime.

The motion stands as notice of motion.

#### HON. SENATOR DONNELLY

##### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FELICITATIONS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. DUNCAN McL. MARSHALL: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with I have one brief observation that I should like to make. I would have preferred to make it on Monday, but this House will not then be sitting. I refer to a colleague who is one of the senior members of the Senate of Canada. I am sure you will all gladly join with me in offering congratulations and good wishes to Senator Donnelly and Mrs. Donnelly on their 50th wedding anniversary, which takes place next Monday.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: I have one word to add. It will be a family gathering, where they will be surrounded by grown sons and daughters, and, I believe, some fifteen grandchildren. I was born within a dozen miles of Senator Donnelly's birthplace, and I lived there until I was twenty years of age. I know the members of the family and their reputation well, and undoubtedly the gathering will demonstrate that they are as highly regarded and respected among their neighbours and friends as the honourable senator is now, and always has been, in this House.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. JAMES J. DONNELLY: I must say that the remarks of my friend the honourable senator from Peel (Hon. Mr. Marshall) really come as a surprise to me. I had no notice that any reference would be made to such a family gathering as we propose to have on Monday next. May I heartily thank the honourable gentleman for his kind remarks. Like myself, he is a Bruce man, and we have a great deal of respect for Bruce men no matter where we find them,—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: —as have also, I think, a good many people of the West.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: As the senator has intimated, Mrs. Donnelly and I were married on the 17th September, 1895. While we should

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be quite satisfied to have the event passed over quietly, our family insist upon a family reunion, and they tell us they will be with us on Monday next, when we are to have an At Home. If Senator Marshall or any other senators wish to be there, we shall be most happy to receive them.

I thank you, honourable senators, for your kindly reception of the references to myself and my family.

Hon. SENATOR: Hear, hear.

#### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

##### ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Honourable Mr. Robinson for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators will, I hope, appreciate the fact that during the relatively short period I have occupied this office I have not been able to acquaint myself with as much detail as might in other circumstances reasonably be expected of me in speaking to this motion. With your forbearance, therefore, I should like to confine myself to a few general observations. After, many other senators have, as I hope, participated in the debate, perhaps I will be accorded the privilege of making some further observations.

I wish first to associate myself with the very happy expressions by the leader opposite on Thursday last, respecting the new members who are gracing the House for the first time. I heartily concur in what he said on that occasion. I would also, honourable senators, join in his felicitations to the mover and the seconder, both of whom discharged their duties and responsibilities well. Further, I should like to offer a word in commendation of the speech of the leader on the other side of the House, both as to subject matter and delivery.

I am sure, honourable senators, that whatever difference might develop as to detail, there can be very little difference of opinion as to the objectives set forth in the Speech from the Throne. There is on our part a universal thankfulness to Divine Providence, and to those who participated so wholeheartedly in our war effort, that victory has crowned our efforts. The splendid courage of our fighting men and women, which is true to their tradition, was matched by the unselfish and loyal support of the people at home.

I am sure that we are pleased to know that everything is being done to expedite the return of our fighting men and women to Canada;