

ever come before Parliament, is due to the honourable leader opposite. He introduced the Bill with such admirable restraint and moderation of argument that he gave the lead, not only to me, but to all senators who followed him in the debate. This made the path very much easier for us all.

I have felt since I have been occupying this position that honourable senators, not only on this side but also on the other, would notice the disparity between my leadership and that of my distinguished predecessor. You have comforted me very much by the kindly presentation of this beautiful gift, and no leader on either side could desire anything more than such tangible evidence of your goodwill. I appreciate it very highly.

(Honourable senators then sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," and gave the two leaders three cheers and a tiger.)

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at eight o'clock.

DOMINION SUCCESSION DUTY BILL
FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 123, an Act to amend The Dominion Succession Duty Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

WAR RISK INSURANCE BILL
COMMONS DISAGREEMENT WITH
SENATE AMENDMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons in the following words:

Resolved that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this House agrees to their amendments to Bill 56, an Act to make provision with respect to insurance of property against war risks and the payment of compensation for war damage, with the exception of amendment No. 11, with which this House disagrees for the following reason:

Because the amendment extends the scope of the Bill as passed by the House of Commons.

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, the message from the House of Commons would indicate that that House is not prepared to accept one of the amendments which we made to Bill 56. By this amendment, which related to section 26 of the Bill, it was proposed to insert after the word "Canada" the words "such other companies as may satisfy the Minister with regard to their financial standing and ability to perform the obligations required of them under such agreement."

The House of Commons objects to this amendment, I understand, because it extends the scope of the Bill as passed by that House.

This is a war measure respecting insurance, and was discussed in our committee, as was the amendment, at some length. I do not think it would be wise to insist on our amendment, and with the consent of the Senate I would move:

That the Senate do not insist upon its eleventh amendment to Bill 56, an Act to make provision with respect to insurance of property against war risks and the payment of compensation for war damage.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, inasmuch as the amendment under discussion does not meet with the approval of the House of Commons, and in view of the importance of the Bill and the difficulty of putting it into effect, I concur in the motion just proposed by the leader on the other side.

The motion was agreed to.

MESSAGE TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. Mr. KING: I would move that a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate does not insist on its eleventh amendment to Bill 56.

Hon. C. P. BEAUBIEN: Would the honourable leader tell us in a few words what was the purport of the amendment?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: It was to include the provincial companies.

Hon. Mr. KING: It was to bring in certain companies that are not under Dominion registration. We had hoped that the Minister would accept the amendment. In the committee he intimated that he would do so, but he met with opposition in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I thought he was willing to accept it, provided the companies submitted to inspection and to the making of a deposit. Does that still stand?

Hon. Mr. KING: No.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Do the Commons close the door completely?

Hon. Mr. COPP: They disagree with the amendment.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: They close the door completely on provincial companies?

Hon. Mr. COPP: Some provincial companies.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: All of them?

Hon. Mr. COPP: Those that are not registered here.