

sider it amiss to adjourn and take up this debate to-morrow afternoon. It is now almost ten o'clock, and we have heard a very elaborate speech from the leader of the Government, and I think it would be hardly fair to ask an amateur like myself to reply to it at this late hour. I would, therefore, be obliged if the leader of the Government would agree to an adjournment and let us take up this debate to-morrow afternoon.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Taking into consideration the extreme youth and inexperience of my hon. friend, I am touched by his appeal, and I shall be pleased to agree to his moving the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. McKENZIE moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

#### MEMBER INTRODUCED.

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Member of the Electoral District of Victoria City, B.C., and Minister of Agriculture, introduced by Sir George E. Foster and Sir Henry Drayton.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 9.48 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 2, 1920.

The House met at Three o'clock.

#### REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Report of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1919.

Copy of the International Opium Convention signed at the Hague, June 23, 1912, and ratified January 10, 1920.—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

Copy of agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and the Government.—Hon. Mr. Reid.

Copy of Air Regulations.—Right Hon. Mr. Sifton.

#### PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT.

On motion of Sir George Foster, Messrs. Steele, Stewart (Hamilton), Douglas (Strathcona) and Tobin were appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the restaurant so far as the interests of the Commons are concerned.

#### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

##### ADDRESS IN REPLY.

Consideration of the motion of Mr. Hume Cronyn for an address to His Excellency

the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the proposed amendment of the Hon. Mr. MacKenzie King thereto, resumed from Monday, March 1.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, although somewhat familiar with the House of Commons for the last almost twenty years, still, coming to this new Chamber, I must confess to you, Sir, that I do not feel just quite as much at home as I used to feel, and I must crave the indulgence of hon. members on both sides of the House and yourself, Mr. Speaker, while attempting to discharge the duty which now devolves upon me to continue the debate upon the motion before the Chair.

Let me at once, Sir, revert to the time honoured custom of congratulating the mover and the seconder of the address, and to assure you in doing so I am not indulging perfunctorily in any old-fashioned custom that one regards merely as a matter of duty. We are proud, Mr. Speaker, of our Parliamentary institutions, traditions, and customs, and we are always zealous that the duty of moving and seconding the address in reply to the speech from the Throne shall be discharged in a manner becoming the House of Commons of Canada. It is therefore a great pleasure to be able to congratulate the leader of the Government upon the manner in which the hon. gentlemen selected by him have discharged their duty.

From the hon. member for London (Mr. Cronyn) we expected the kind of address that he has given us, for we have heard him before, and know him to be of a literary turn of mind, and it is sufficient for me to say that he has done justice to his former reputation in this House.

My good friend who represents the grand old county of Pictou (Mr. McGregor) has not in the past troubled us very much with speeches, and being a very patriotic and zealous Nova Scotian, although differing from him in politics, I was very anxious indeed that he should do justice not only to the good old province of Nova Scotia but to the grand old county of Pictou. I am glad to be able to say to my friends in Nova Scotia that the traditions of our province have been well lived up to in the speech of my hon. friend.

My good friend from London (Mr. Cronyn) was during the study of his speech and in the delivery of it reminded of that good old phrase of Scotch thought, that it