

the development of that spirit, and I say the warmest commendation should go to them for the great work which they have so well done.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, the debate was adjourned.

EMERGENCY SITTINGS

CALLING OF SENATORS DURING ADJOURNMENT—NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I intended to move this resolution this evening, but as the right honourable leader of the other side (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) is not present, I will present it as a notice of motion:

It is moved by Hon. Mr. Dandurand, seconded by Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, that for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate which would in the opinion of the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses as registered with the Clerk of the Senate to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and non-receipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

This resolution is on the same lines as that which this Chamber adopted unanimously last session. My right honourable friend has expressed his willingness to second the resolution.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Wednesday, November 13, 1940.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

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 Hon. Mr. David for an Address in reply thereto.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, it is fitting at this time that reference be made to the universal feeling of sympathy in Canada for the family of the late Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Honourable Neville Chamberlain. I am not one of those who felt it their duty to

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criticize Neville Chamberlain in relation to those major features of policy which brought upon him severe rebuke at home, where it was quite legitimate, and in other lands, including our own, where it was less legitimate; rebuke and derision which, I fear, resulted in undermining of that confidence in British might and British honour which was so vital to us at the time. I recognized in him, as I feel all or nearly all do now, a typical Englishman in every fibre; a man of stern rectitude and elevation of character, and as well a man of marked ability, particularly in the world of business. I recognized in him a man who by hard toil achieved much indeed, and who suffered unjustly and cruelly, mainly at the hands of those whose policies of the past had made imperative that step the taking of which was ultimately to bring upon him severe castigation, and dethronement from his high place in Britain.

While we lament his passing and the undoubted suffering of body and mind which he endured, we all, I am sure, with one accord welcome as his successor Right Honourable Winston Churchill. I cannot by any stretch of aspiration claim to be Mr. Churchill's personal friend, but for a quarter of a century I have been his ardent admirer. In the dark days of Gallipoli I defended him and his momentous proposal. There is throughout the world now a sentiment very different from what greeted him at that time. Through all the vicissitudes of one of the fullest and most abundant careers that men have ever carved out for themselves, I have looked with hope to the prospect of his reaching the pinnacle; indeed have never been able to understand how a government of his own party or any national government could ever justify leaving him out of its councils. To-day he is the leader of the British Empire, he is the leader of civilization, and, so far as any one man can hold the title, he is the hope of the world.

I mention next the pleasure which we all feel at the recovery of the honourable leader of this House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand)—

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: —from a rather serious illness which befell him in the autumn. His rugged strength and abounding vitality have triumphed again, and I know it is to the advantage of Canada that he is with us once more.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I regret that temporary absence last evening prevented my hearing the mover and the seconder of the