

Hon. Mr. WATSON: It is not the money part of it I am considering. We can raise the money; but I think that a celebration of this kind should be held when the people are in good spirits. So far as I am personally concerned, I will, as a member of that committee, advise against the holding of any celebration at the present time. I notice that it was suggested in the Speech from the Throne that there should be a celebration this year. Evidently the Government came to that conclusion; but I suppose that when a committee is appointed it is to have a free hand in determining whether it should recommend a celebration or not. As I say, I feel personally that we should have no celebration at the present time, but that it should be deferred until the war is ended and victory is proclaimed. We may be able to have a celebration of the opening of our new Parliament Buildings at the same time. Regarding the question whether the celebration should be held in Ottawa or in Hull, I do not know whether my honourable friend would prefer to go to Hull or to stay in Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: That is the reason I did not want Ottawa selected: it is too near to Hull.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: The difficulty could be overcome if we look on the event as a commemoration rather than a celebration—if the fifty years of Confederation could be marked soberly and quietly at the time they are fulfilled—the 1st of July, I think, is the official date—without any of the merry-making and extravagant money-spending phases which all of us are inclined to associate with celebrations.

The motion was agreed to.

CARE OF RETURNED SOLDIERS.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That the following members of the Senate, namely, the Honourable Messieurs Beaubien, Belcourt, Daniel, Mason, Ross (Moosejaw), Thompson, and the mover, be appointed a committee for the purpose of considering, inquiring into, and reporting upon

(a) The reception, treatment, care, training, and re-education of the wounded, disabled, and convalescent who have served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

(b) The provision of employment for those who have been honourably discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and the training and re-education of those so discharged who are unable to engage in their former occupations.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.

EXHIBIT OF WAR RELICS.

Hon. Mr. BOYER: Before the Orders of the Day are called, may I be allowed to ask my colleagues of the Senate to go to the Archives building and view the magnificent collection of war relics made during last summer by the curator, Dr. Doughty. I spent an hour there this morning, and found it most instructive and exceedingly interesting, and I am sure that every member of the House will be fully repaid for his trouble in going to see the wonderful things brought back from the field of battle.

PUBLIC LOAN BILL.—\$100,000,000.

THIRD READING.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, Bill 19, An Act to authorize the raising by way of loan of certain sums of money for the Public Service, was read the third time and passed.

THE PARLIAMENTARY ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That when the House adjourns to-day it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th day of April next, at the hour of eight o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE ROYAL ASSENT.

The Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, having come, and being seated on the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give the Royal assent to the following Bills:

An Act to authorize the raising by way of loan of certain sums of money for the Public Service.

An Act to provide for further advances to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

An Act for granting to His Majesty Aid for Military and Naval Defence.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1917, and the 31st March, 1918.

The sitting having been resumed:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the adjournment of the House.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Before this motion is carried I should like to know if His Honour the Deputy Governor came here in