

the committee which has had this matter in charge during the past two sessions. There have been many sittings of the committee. They have studied the building from point to point to find where this memorial could most advantageously be erected, and have finally decided that it be placed on the right hand side of the entrance to the House of Commons side of the building. We ask for the re-appointment of this committee so that they may confer with a like committee of the House of Commons. We are now in communication with Tait Mackenzie, a Canadian living in the United States, who is going to co-operate with us in the erection of the memorial.

The motion was agreed to.

THE PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT.

MOTION.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the clerks at the table to inform that House that His Honour the Speaker and Hon. Messieurs Blain, Thompson and Watson have been appointed a committee to assist his Honour the Speaker in the direction of the restaurant of Parliament so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the said restaurant.

He said: May I say, by way of explanation of that motion, that it was the opinion of the Committee on Selection that this committee should act tentatively, pending the organization of the restaurant when the new quarters are completed. I intend to move, when we have disposed of the Address, that a joint committee of both Houses be appointed to deal with the question of the new restaurant when it is completed. So far as the building and equipment are concerned, the restaurant will probably be equal to any on this continent, and it is therefore very desirable that special attention should be given to see that in its administration, as well as in its equipment, it is placed on a parity with the dining-rooms of the best hotels or clubs on this continent. There is no reason why that should not be done.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: What about a bar-room? Will you have one?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Therefore, when we have disposed of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I shall submit to the House a motion suggesting that, entirely irrespective of the committee which we are to-day appointing to deal with

the restaurant in the meantime, a joint committee should be named to take the whole subject into consideration. The members of both Houses, I am certain, will not only desire, but will insist, that this restaurant be administered in such a manner as to make it a credit to Canada and especially a comfort to the members of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

ACCOMMODATION OF SENATORS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. RUFUS POPE: Honourable gentlemen, I rise to a question of privilege. I was very much surprised yesterday afternoon, on entering the lobby of the House of Commons, to be told by the doorkeeper that the rule of the Speaker prevented my admittance. I was informed that no senator might enter at that doorway. I refer to the space, in front of the Commons Chamber, leading to the lobby to the left, behind the Government side of the House. I do not know how narrow an interpretation may be placed upon the clearly written article of our Constitution which proclaims that Parliament consists of two Houses, namely, the House of Commons and the Senate. I consider that a broad and reasonable interpretation of that particular article of the British North America Act would include members of the Senate as well as members of the House of Commons as being entitled to free entry into any of the lobbies in and around Parliament. I mention this matter because I think the order of His Honour the Speaker of the House of Commons indicates too narrow an interpretation and one that should not be maintained. Personally, as you are aware, Mr. Speaker and honourable gentlemen, my knowledge of the rules and regulations of Parliament is not what it ought to be, considering the number of years I have been loafing about the foot of the Throne. That, of course, is my own fault. But I think it would be desirable for this House to take some action to prevent the recurrence of such an unfortunate and uncomfortable situation as I was placed in yesterday.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: May I suggest, honourable gentlemen, the desirability of there being a clear understanding between the two Houses as to what the privileges of a member of Parliament should be with regard to the lobbies of either House. I am unaware to what extent the