

that your designation as an Officer of the Senate is now terminated and that you have been relieved of your duties.

You will permit me to wish you well in your new endeavour.

Yours sincerely,
Jean-Paul Deschatelets

I hope that in doing so I was expressing the views of all honourable senators.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, His Honour the Speaker has expressed our gratitude to Mr. Justice Walsh.

I was speaking a few moments ago, on the telephone, with Senator Roebuck. He has been confined to his bedroom because of a cold, from which he is recovering. I know that if he were here today he would want to join with His Honour the Speaker and honourable senators in his expression of thanks to the Divorce Commissioner, who has so ably discharged his duties over a period of time and has been of the greatest assistance. Senator Roebuck has spoken of Mr. Justice Walsh's contributions in most appreciative terms.

The President of the Exchequer Court will be advised that leave of absence has now terminated, as will my colleague the Minister of Justice.

Hon. J. Campbell Haig: Honourable senators, as a member of the Divorce Committee since my appointment to this place, I wish to reiterate what has been said by His Honour the Speaker and the Leader of the Government.

At the last meeting of the Divorce Committee in January, Mr. Justice Walsh explained the situation with regard to his work, saying that because of limited accommodation there was sufficient room for only one commissioner to carry out his responsibilities, so it had been decided that Mr. Justice Cameron, who had previously retired from the Exchequer Court, would continue to hear the contested and uncontested cases, which are now few in number.

Also at that meeting expression was given to the gratitude and respect the committee had for Commissioner Walsh's work. There were never any difficulties or conflicts. Our discussions were free and open. He came to us if he had any problems, and members of the committee on occasion returned to him

his precis of an individual case for further clarification. Ever since he was appointed Commissioner, the relationship has been one of great co-operation and respect on both sides.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Copies of the Preliminary Report of the Ministerial Mission to Latin America, October 27—November 27, 1968, together with copies of a Press Release, issued January 24, 1969, relating thereto. (English and French texts).

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, before moving the date and time to which the house will adjourn this week, I should like to outline the business, as I see it, that will be before us next week.

If we do not complete today the debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill S-26, to prohibit the advertising, sale and importation of hazardous products, then that debate will continue next week, and I expect the bill will be dealt with by committee.

A number of senators have indicated their intention to speak in the debate on the motion of Senator Molson for the adoption of the Fourth Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the Senate. We shall resume next week the debate on the inquiry of Senator Aird calling the attention of the Senate to the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the North Atlantic Assembly held in Brussels in November of last year. We shall also have before us for consideration Bill S-24, introduced by Senator Argue, to amend the Canada Elections Act (Age of Voters).

We have not yet concluded the debate on Senator Hayden's inquiry calling the attention of the Senate to the effect of certain sections of the British North America Act on the initiation of legislation in the Senate, or that on the inquiry of Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) calling the attention of the Senate to the 14th General Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held last fall at Nassau.

On Tuesday next Senator Croll will call the attention of the Senate to the consequences, legislative and otherwise, flowing from the adoption of reports of certain special committees of the Senate and the special joint committees of both houses. Also, I believe on