

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 18, 1955

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

## THE HONOURABLE SENATOR KING

## BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Honourable senators, this is a very important day in the history of our country. Eighty-two years ago today there was born in New Brunswick a child who was destined to become a medical practitioner, with a large practice, in British Columbia. Subsequently he was elected to the Legislature of British Columbia, where later he became Minister of Public Works. In 1922 he resigned from the provincial Legislature and Cabinet and became a member of the Dominion Government. He was summoned to the Senate in 1930, and in 1942 he was appointed Leader of the Government in this house. Honourable senators, I refer to our dearly beloved colleague, Senator J. H. King.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** On behalf of the members of this chamber, may I take this opportunity to extend to him our very best wishes for his continued happiness.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable senators, I cannot let the Leader of the Government get ahead of the Leader of the Opposition. The honourable senator from Kootenay East (Hon. Mr. King) comes from western Canada, and is one of our heroes in that part of the country. In fact, I recall many years ago hearing my mother, who was an admirer of Ralph Connor, speak in glowing terms of the great doctor who was the leading character in one of his books. Little did I think at that time that I would have the honour of sitting in the Senate of Canada with that great doctor, the senator from Kootenay East.

I extend to the honourable senator my best wishes that he may be spared to be with us for many more years.

**Hon. James H. King:** Honourable senators, although the felicitations extended to me are a bit embarrassing, I do appreciate the kind remarks of the honourable leaders on both sides of the house.

I have been a member of the Senate for some twenty-five years, and I regard my association with this chamber, on behalf of my province of British Columbia, as one of the wonderful experiences of my life.

We grow up and we get old, and as we get old we realize that we cannot enjoy things as we used to in our younger days. However, we have many happy memories.

I do thank you, honourable senators.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

## DIVORCE PETITIONS

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck,** Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 6 to 16, dealing with petitions for divorce, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

The motion was agreed to, on division.

## INCOME TAX

## CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING PROVINCIAL TAX

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** I wonder whether the Leader in the Senate of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) would give consideration to having printed in the proceedings the correspondence which has passed between the Prime Minister and the Premier of Quebec with regard to income tax.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** I think that could be arranged. If it is the pleasure of honourable senators, the correspondence could be printed as an appendix to *Hansard*.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

*See Appendix to today's Hansard, pp. 36 to 41.*

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—  
DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, January 12, consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mrs. Hodges, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tremblay, for an Address in reply thereto.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable members, first allow me to congratulate the mover and seconder of the Address in reply to the gracious Speech from the Throne. Of course I followed the speech of the mover, the honourable senator from Victoria (Hon. Mrs. Hodges), better than I followed that of the seconder, the honourable senator from Lauzon (Hon. Mr. Tremblay); but I read his