

what in the nature of an interjection, made by the honourable gentleman from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand). He referred to a resolution which passed this House relating to the subject of an investigation that took place in the other House within the last year, and he emphasized the judicial character which should appertain to and be observed by all honourable members of this House in relation to anything affecting another honourable member. With his observations in that regard I am in complete concurrence. We must realize that when that subject comes before us we shall be acting in a judicial capacity. Furthermore, I can assure my honourable friend that I am in entire agreement with his view that any honourable gentleman who is reflected upon in any way is entitled to rest his honour in the custody of this House alone, and to be heard in his own defence without restraint. So long as I have the privilege of asserting my view within these walls, that is the view I will assert. Needless to say, I shall come to the discharge of my duty without the slightest feeling of vindictiveness or animosity of any kind towards any honourable members who may be affected. This may not be necessary to say, but I beg the opportunity of saying, that they themselves will acquit me of any such feeling. Nor would I have referred to this matter but for the remarks of the honourable gentleman opposite. I know, and the honourable gentlemen themselves know, that I entertain no such feelings as I have described, and even if they were entertained by me I would not permit them to prevail.

With these remarks I take my seat, expressing my earnest desire to be of some service, as the link between the Government of the day and this Chamber, in opening the door of opportunity to the Senate, so that with the co-operation of honourable members on both sides of this House it may discharge to the full its duty to the people of our country.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Tanner the debate was adjourned.

HOSPITAL SWEEPSTAKES BILL

FIRST READING

Bill A1, an Act with respect to Hospital Sweepstakes.—Hon. Mr. Barnard.

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

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 9, 1932.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND COMMERCE

AMENDMENT OF RULE

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN moved, with the leave of the Senate:

That rule 78 of the Rules of the Senate be amended by striking out paragraph 4 and substituting the following therefor:

4. The Committee on Banking and Commerce, composed of forty-two senators.

He said: The number formerly was thirty-two senators. I suggest that the honourable leader on the other side (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) appear as seconder of the motion.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: All right.

The motion was agreed to.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES STATUS AND POWERS BILL

FIRST READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN introduced Bill B1, an Act respecting the Status and Powers of British and Foreign Insurance Companies in Canada.

He said: Honourable members, I may say that it is the purpose of the Government to introduce in the Senate a companion Bill to this one. The title of that Bill is, "an Act respecting the Status and Powers of Dominion Insurance Companies." I am not prepared to introduce that Bill to-day, but hope to be able to do so to-morrow or the following day.

The Bill was read the first time.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. C. E. TANNER: I should like to assure honourable members that I have no idea whatever of disturbing the very pleasing atmosphere that prevailed in this Chamber during the proceedings of last night. We have all learned during a good many years