

Surely what we are fighting for in this war is to bring back a world in which solemnly given pledges shall be respected.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN: Otherwise we are simply lowering ourselves to the level of Mr. Adolph Schicklgruber.

I hope, honourable senators, that nothing I have said will give offence to anyone. I have tried not to introduce any element of political controversy, but to confine myself to what in my imperfect judgment appear to be the present facts of the matter.

One last thing I wish to say, and that is that Canada so far has made a magnificent war effort.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN: We on both sides of this House are proud of it. We are capable of doing even more. But do not let us spoil the effort we already have made by beginning to quarrel about one part of it and by injecting divisions, discussions and dissensions into the different parts of our country. After all, we all have the same end in view, the same object to serve—the winning of this war; and I do hope that we shall be able, conscientiously and without division, without the bitterness which so unfortunately injected itself twenty-five years ago, to arrive at a decision in this matter which will meet the conscience and the judgment of the vast majority of the people of this country.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I want to assure you at once that I am not rising to make a speech. I already have exhausted my right to do so. All I desire is, with the leave of the Senate, to be permitted to move an amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne; an amendment which was not completed when I last spoke. If the Senate will allow me, I shall move the amendment, and say not a word about it.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think we all realize that we should adhere to the rules of the Senate rather more closely than has been our habit in the past, and should apply them as fairly, as honestly and as equitably as we can. We should not, as has been the practice in years gone by, make two or three or even four speeches on the same question.

I have no objection to my honourable friend crystallizing the conclusion of his speech in an amendment, on the understanding, of course, that it will not be taken as a precedent.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I thank you very much, honourable senators.

I move, seconded by Hon. Senator Haig, the following amendment to the motion now before the House:

That the following paragraph be added to the Address:

The Senate regrets that by the insertion in the Speech from the Throne of a paragraph setting forth the intention of the Government to seek release from an electoral pledge Your Excellency's advisers are taking a stand contrary to the spirit of our parliamentary institutions and to the principle of ministerial responsibility.

The proposed amendment was negatived, and the Address was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, it is now my duty, in accordance with tradition, to move the adjournment of the House. It has been our custom, after the adoption of the Address and the formation of committees, to adjourn the Senate for some time in order to enable the Commons to deal with legislation which eventually would reach us here. After due consideration of what may be expected from the labours of the other House, I would move, seconded by Hon. Mr. Euler, subject to the authority given His Honour the Speaker to recall us if an emergency arises, that when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th of February next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 24, 1942.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PRECIOUS METALS MARKING BILL FIRST READING

Bill 4, an Act to amend the Precious Metals Marking Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—SECRET SESSION

The Hon. the ACTING SPEAKER (Hon. James Murdock): Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was passed by the House of Commons: