

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That all the senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Horsey, Meighen, Tanner, White and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

He said: These are the senators who served last year.

The motion was agreed to.

### ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

#### CORRESPONDENCE TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I desire to lay on the Table copies of letters from the Prime Minister to the provincial Premiers regarding the report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

### PUBLIC SERVICE RE-ARRANGEMENT AND TRANSFER OF DUTIES ACT

#### ORDERS IN COUNCIL TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I desire to lay on the Table copies of Orders in Council P.C. 3859 and P.C. 3860, dated August 13, 1940, tabled in accordance with provisions of the Public Service Re-Arrangement and Transfer of Duties Act.

### WAR MEASURES ACT

#### ORDERS IN COUNCIL TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, at the preceding session I tabled in this House copies of the proclamations and Orders in Council which had been passed under the authority of the War Measures Act up to June 30 of this year. I wish now to lay on the Table copies, in duplicate, in French and in English, of the Orders which have been passed from that date until November 2 last.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, November 12, at 8 p.m.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 12, 1940.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

Hon. Léon Mercier Gouin, LL.D., K.C., of Montreal, Quebec, introduced by Hon. Raoul Dandurand and Hon. A. K. Hugessen.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

#### ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. ATHANASE DAVID moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament.

He said (Translation): Honourable members, almost every one of you present here to-day has enjoyed a long and often very fruitful career in politics. Therefore I deem it superfluous, upon rising to address this House for the first time, to point out that any experience previously acquired in the Legislature, on the campaign platform or in the lecture room counts for very little at such a moment, and that the emotion which grips me now is very much akin to that which I experienced the first time I spoke in public. However, your knowledge of men and life has, I am quite convinced, developed in you a great sense of leniency, and, gazing upon me now, you realize that I face quite alone a past beyond my reach and a present of crushing weight.

The past is made up of a thousand inspiring yet also saddening memories. In this very House, how numerous are those who have passed on after long and magnificent years of service. How many others also, at the end of a career characterized by self-denial, have relived here, through the friendship of surviving contemporaries, the pleasant memories of their youth. Why not confess that there returns to my mind at this moment the figure of him whose name I bear and who was long among you?

Believing with an unshakeable faith that those who have passed on still observe, judge and at times criticize our actions, I know that my father cannot remain indifferent to the attitude I shall adopt to-day.