

THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 19, 1960

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

NEW SENATORS

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received certificates from the Secretary of State of Canada showing that

Frederick Murray Blois, Esquire,

Mrs. Olive Lillian Irvine, respectively, have been summoned to the Senate.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

**The Hon. the Speaker** having informed the Senate that there were senators without, waiting to be introduced:

The following newly-summoned senators were introduced; presented Her Majesty's writs of summons, which were read by the Clerk Assistant; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk, and were seated:

**Hon. Frederick Murray Blois,** of Truro, Nova Scotia, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Emerson.

**Hon. Olive Lillian Irvine,** of Winnipeg, Manitoba, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Haig.

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that each of the newly-summoned senators named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to present to the Senate the report of the Parliamentary Librarian to the Third Session of the Twenty-Fourth Parliament, 1960.

THE LATE SENATOR HOWDEN

TRIBUTES

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, before we take up the regular business of the Senate this evening I have a very sad duty to perform. Since Parliament prorogued on July 18 last we have lost a most

distinguished member of the Senate of Canada in the person of John Power Howden, M.D. Today we meet to pay tribute to his memory.

Senator Howden was born in Perth, Lanark County, Ontario, and had he lived he would have arrived at the full age of 80 years on December 5 last. Although I also lived in Perth in the early nineties I did not meet the honourable senator at that time, no doubt because he left there at a very early age for the province of Manitoba, where he was brought up, educated and remained domiciled until the time of his death. However, I knew Senator Howden very intimately during the many years that he was a member of the House of Commons—I believe twenty in number—and during the fourteen years he was a member of this chamber. He was a very valued member of our Divorce Committee. I believe that he became a member of that committee immediately after he was sworn in as a senator; and he worked faithfully and well right up to the last moment. He was a man of excellent judgment: I know that when I was a member of that committee, and quite active there, I relied at all times on his good judgment. Anything he had to do, whether on that or any other committee, he did faithfully and conscientiously.

Senator Howden was an outstanding medical practitioner, dearly beloved in the province of Manitoba, particularly in the district known as St. Boniface, which is across the Red River from Winnipeg. He was also an outstanding public-minded citizen, and for the past 35 years served his country, both in and out of Parliament, in a most capable manner.

We mourn his passing, and I take this opportunity of extending to his sons and other relatives our deepest sympathy. I am sure that they will have many happy memories of him to sustain them in the difficult days that lie ahead.

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Honourable senators, it was my privilege to know the late Senator Howden during the last 25 years. He was a member of the House of Commons when I was first elected to Parliament. He had then been in Parliament for ten years, and I shall never forget the warm welcome he gave me upon my arrival in the house. Eighteen years later, when I came to the Senate, he was here to give me an equally warm and friendly welcome. During the first few years that I was in the Senate he helped me in many ways and made my life here enjoyable, interesting and profitable.

Senator Howden, as the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) has said, was born in