

ing nation, because we possess the raw materials. We have big forests and the biggest mineral resources in the world, and when they are developed no country will be able to compete with Canada. We should be proud of our resources, and should have no fear of being swallowed up by a tremendous indebtedness. Let us look forward with confidence and hope. Nobody ever gets anywhere by looking backward. If we look forward we shall see the sun of the future rising to greet us and holding forth the promise of prosperity and happiness.

I am sorry for the United States. They are not a nation, but a conglomeration of states composed of the off-scourings of Europe who came into that country as settlers. They are neighbours of ours, and he would be a mean man who would impose hardship or misfortune on his neighbour. Therefore I am sorry for the United States. In the early days the United States wanted to be able to make things more cheaply than anybody else could make them, and brought in negroes at so much a head, and used them until the introduction of steam; then they found they could manufacture more cheaply by steam. The result is that to-day there are twenty million negroes in that country. How many will there be in the United States one hundred years from now? Figure it out for yourself: by that time they will have a black race. The United States reminds me of the poor old mule: he has no ancestry, and can have no future.

One thing further I desire to say to the acting leader (Hon. Mr. Beaubien) and to the leader of this House (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen), and that is to suggest that we should not adjourn until the 20th of February. If it is the desire of the House to adjourn until Tuesday evening, all right; and in the meantime the committees could be organized and put on a working basis. Several honourable gentlemen who have to remain here would like to sit on the Committee on Agriculture preparing ways and means of getting information which would be of benefit to Canada. We want the credit for that to come to this House. There is also to be a Committee on Banking. I do not know anything about banking; all I know about banks is that they make me pay every cent I owe them, even if I have not the money.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. POPE: That is nothing to laugh at. It is a serious matter.

Hon. Mr. POPE.

It is my hope that if we adjourn to-night we shall meet again no later than next Tuesday. Something has been said of the 20th, and someone has said that nothing would be here from the House of Commons until that date. Personally I do not care whether the House of Commons ever sends anything here. Let us send them something instead. Are we not capable of originating anything that is worth while, or that will reflect credit on the Dominion of Canada? Is it to be said that we are no good—that we ought to be abolished, wiped out? Let us form our committees, putting on them the men who can remain here, to carry on the work of the Senate while the House itself is adjourned, so that something may be ready for us when we come back.

The Address was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Honourable members, it is a pity that we cannot all be of the same opinion. It is not the fault of the Senate that it has nothing to do. Everybody knows that legislation originates in the other House. Time and again we have requested that bills from the several departments of the Government be sent to the Senate at the beginning of the session, where excellent work has been and could be done. As a matter of fact, that course was followed last session; but this session no bills have been sent to us, and now we are faced with the situation that for some fifteen days we shall have no work to do. For this reason the right honourable the leader of the House thought it would not be fair to call upon senators to attend. Personally I should be very glad indeed to accede to the request of the honourable gentleman who has just taken his seat (Hon. Mr. Pope), but how could it be granted? We have nothing to do. I do not think it would be fair to call in the senators, some of them from a considerable distance, when we have nothing for them to do. For this reason, following the suggestion of the right honourable leader of the House, I move:

That when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until the 20th of February at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

I trust we shall be unanimous in regard to this.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: Are you not going to form your committees before adjourning?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: It does not take much time to form the committees.