

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA
IN THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR
THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF
MARCH, IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, September 1, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

A PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY moved:

MOTION.

That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, at eight o'clock in the evening.

He said: I make this motion on account of an invitation which has been extended to all the members of this House by the Hon. Mr. Edwards to go to Rockland tomorrow afternoon to attend an important meeting there. He wished me to say to any hon. gentleman whom he had not seen, that the invitation was extended to all. Important legislation is now before the Senate, but it would not interfere with the business of the country if we met in the evening instead of in the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—I am not in accord with the motion. It is very nice and pleasant for us to take a jaunt, such as is proposed by the hon. senator, but it is very much better for us to dispose of the work before us. The country does not expect us to go away on a trip

of this kind to enjoy the hospitality so kindly tendered to us when we should be here attending to our duties.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I hope the hon. gentleman will not press his motion. If he does, I hope the House will not accept it. When we are in the midst of important legislation, it would be inopportune and unseemingly to go away on a day of amusement. Of course any hon. gentleman who desires to go can do so.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—The House would meet in the evening.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—I suggest to the hon. mover that he withdraw the motion in deference to the expressed wish of the hon. Secretary of State. But I dissent entirely from the view which has been expressed to the Senate that it is merely a pleasure jaunt that is proposed. The occasion is the meeting of the Veterinary Associations of the United States and Canada combined, and the questions to be discussed by that assembly and by persons skilled in the matters that will come before them are of the very first importance to the agricultural interest of the Dominion. It may be observed, however, that the proceedings will probably be printed, and we will all have an opportunity of deriving advantage from the discussion of those matters. I did not know