

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAY BILL
FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act relating to Railways.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

**CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCEL-
LENCY'S SPEECH**

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, it was ordered that the speech of His Excellency the Administrator be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

**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.

The motion was agreed to.

**ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMINION-
PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**

REPORT TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I beg leave to table the report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, together with copies of the letter from the Prime Minister to the Premiers of the various provinces. The same letter has been sent to all the Premiers. Instead of reading it I will place it on Hansard.

Ottawa, May 10, 1940.

My dear Premier,

I wish to inform you that the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations has to-day submitted to the Government the Commission's report, comprising three large printed volumes and a number of separately bound appendices. The report and the appendices will be presented to Parliament on Thursday afternoon, the 16th instant, the opening day of the approaching session.

I am arranging to have forwarded to you, in time for their receipt on the morning of Thursday, May 16, two sets in English and one set in French of the three volumes of the report. At the same time I am having sent to you, by express, for the use of the Provincial Government, further sets of the report, with the various appendices and related studies. A statement of the number of additional copies and volumes of appendices and other material, being sent forward by express, is enclosed.

It is, of course, important that adequate and accurate publicity be given to the report in the press. In order that representative journalists may have an opportunity to make some study of its contents and prepare material for their newspapers, copies are being made available, in advance, to members of the Press Gallery here, upon the distinct undertaking that there will be no publication, in whole or in part, before the afternoon papers on Thursday. Release has been deferred until that time in order to ensure your receipt of the report before publication in the press. It is fully anticipated that this arrangement will be respected by local newspapers.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) W. L. Mackenzie King.

WAR MEASURES ACT

ORDERS IN COUNCIL TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND tabled certain documents.

He said: Honourable senators, the Orders in Council tabled herewith are those passed under the authority of the War Measures Act since August 25, 1939. All the Orders covering the period up to December 31, 1939, have now been printed, and those passed since that date, up to and including May 11, 1940, are in typewritten form.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 21, at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, May 21, 1940.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

**TRIBUTES TO SENATORS
DECEASED OR RETIRED**

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, since our meeting in September last we have had the misfortune to lose five of our colleagues.

Senator John S. McLennan was one of our elders. He was born in 1853 and was with us since 1916. He belonged to an influential Montreal family. His father, Hugh McLennan, was most successful in the transport business, his boats plying from the Upper Lakes to