

of Canada, wherever they have served, have displayed the highest courage, endurance and skill. I give them your assurance that their lives are more precious to their country than all else, and that it is our supreme aim to ensure their early and victorious return to their homeland.

As I invite your consideration of the very difficult problems which will engage your attention in this momentous year, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

**RAILWAY BILL  
FIRST READING**

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND  
PRIVILEGES**

Hon. Mr. KING 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. KING moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Howard, Sinclair, 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.

**EMERGENCY SITTINGS OF THE  
SENATE  
MOTION**

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, with leave I move, seconded by the honourable senator from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Copp):

That for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate, which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker war-

rant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses as registered with the Clerk of the Senate to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and non-receipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 1, at 8 p.m.

**THE SENATE**

Tuesday, February 1, 1944.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

**THE LATE SENATORS PREVOST,  
BLONDIN, LITTLE AND MACARTHUR  
TRIBUTES TO THEIR MEMORY**

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, I deeply regret to inform this House that during the adjournment, between July 24 last and our re-assembling here on January 26, four of our colleagues in this Chamber have passed to the great beyond.

The first to go was the Honourable Senator Prévost, who died on October 13. The senator represented the constituency of Mille Îles. He was born of French-Canadian parentage, was educated in Montreal and later pursued his studies in Paris and Rome. By profession he was a journalist. He interested himself in municipal organizations and in charitable and patriotic activities. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1917, and again in 1921, 1925 and 1926. He was summoned to this Chamber on June 3, 1930.

Senator Prévost was punctilious in his attendance in this Chamber. He was greatly liked for his modesty, and for his ability to express himself clearly in debate and in committee.

Senator Blondin died on October 29, within a few days of the passing of Senator Prévost. Senator Blondin was born in the province of Quebec, and educated at Laval University. He took an interest in municipal affairs, having at one time been an alderman of the town of Grand'Mère. And for a period he was clerk of the Circuit Court in the County of Champlain. Our late colleague was elected to the House of Commons in 1908, and re-