

Minister who comes forward to admit now that his Department is overmanned. It may be necessary to call outside witnesses, men who have been in the Service. I submit that every witness examined should be examined under oath, so that the inquiry may be fair to everybody.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: The Committee will have power to send for persons and papers.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The Clerk has pointed out to me that it is not quite clear whether Hon. Mr. Dandurand is going to sit or not.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have declared that I am ready to allow my name to be included. I would rather have my name added and be sure that my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Robertson) will serve and give the Committee the benefit of his experience.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Then it is understood that to the names as I have read them out will be added the name of Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

The motion was agreed to.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. BAKER

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: With the leave of the House, may I draw the attention of honourable members to a function that took place on Friday last, in another part of this building—the unveiling of the monument to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Baker. As a member of the Committee on the memorial I have been asked to bring this matter before the House. Owing to the shortness of the notice and also to the fact that the Senate was not sitting, many honourable Senators who would have liked to attend were not present on that occasion. It was a historical event. It has been thought that perhaps the House would allow the Committee of last Session to sit again, in order that it might prepare either a report or a booklet setting forth the action that has been taken, and perhaps containing also a picture of the monument. This would be a further mark of appreciation and would give every member of Parliament an opportunity of knowing what has been done. I understand that part of the record was to be inserted in Hansard of the House of Commons, but how many people will think of looking for it there? If there is a pamphlet issued containing the speeches and perhaps a picture of the monument, it will show that a grateful country does not forget those who have laid down their lives for it.

Hon. Mr. L'ESPERANCE: Honourable gentlemen, I am entirely in accord with the proposal of my honourable friend from De Lanaudière, and I feel certain that this honourable House will cheerfully agree to the Committee completing its work, so that we may have a full record, not only of its proceedings, but also of the eloquent and inspiring speeches which were delivered at the unveiling of the monument to our heroic friend the late Lieutenant-Colonel Baker.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Is my honourable friend going to make a motion?

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: I shall be very glad to move the motion, if it is the pleasure of this House to waive the notice. I have the honour to move, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Belcourt, that the Committee be re-appointed and be authorized to publish a booklet or pamphlet, and report to this House.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Honourable gentlemen, there is another matter that I think might be referred to the same Committee. You will remember that in the disastrous fire which destroyed the Parliament Building, a member of the House of Commons, Mr. Law, lost his life, and no trace of him was found. I suggested to this same Committee before that they should take some action; but they did not have instructions to deal with this matter. I think a tablet ought to be erected in memory of that honourable gentleman. It would not cost very much. The Committee might take the matter up and report upon it. Mr. Law has no grave beyond the foundations of this building. Although his remains were not found after the fire, there is no question that he was burned to death, and it would be but fitting to erect a tablet to his memory.

The motion, amended as proposed, was agreed to.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Hon. F. F. PARDEE: Honourable gentlemen, in considering the Speech from the Throne delivered by His Excellency at the opening of this Session, one cannot but be struck by the fact that it contains much that is good. It is full of optimism and if all that is therein set before the Houses of Parliament and this country is carried out, it will redound to the credit of Canada and its people, and to the credit of the Government. There is no doubt—and it is superfluous to