

Hon. Mr. KING: I thank the honourable chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee (Hon. Mr. Black) for making that explanation. With leave of the Senate, I would now move the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to-morrow at 6 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

### THE SENATE

Friday, March 27, 1942.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### DIVORCE BILLS

##### FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first time:

Bill K2, an Act for the relief of Mary Celina Broadhurst LaRose.

Bill L2, an Act for the relief of Elsie Epstein Cohen.

Bill M2, an Act for the relief of Gertrude Pelletier Patenaude.

Bill N2, an Act for the relief of Marieatt Venditello Diano.

Bill O2, an Act for the relief of Edna Annie Heazle Constable.

Bill P2, an Act for the relief of Dorothy Reed Cushing.

Bill Q2, an Act for the relief of Sarto Desnoyers.

##### SECOND READINGS

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall these Bills be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: Honourable senators, it would no doubt meet with unanimous

Hon. Mr. BLACK.

approval if I moved the second readings of these Bills now. I therefore move the second readings.

The motion was agreed to, on division, and the Bills were severally read the second time.

##### THIRD READINGS

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall these Bills be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: Honourable senators, it is expected that we shall be adjourning this afternoon for some time. I see no objection to having these Bills read a third time now, with the unanimous consent of the House. I would move the third readings.

The motion was agreed to, on division, and the Bills were severally read the third time, and passed.

#### CLERK OF FRENCH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND JOURNALS OF THE SENATE

##### APPOINTMENT OF MR. PAUL LAROCQUE

Hon. G. V. WHITE presented the second report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, as follows:

That under the provisions of sections sixty and sixty-one of the Civil Service Act, chapter twenty-two of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, Paul LaRocque, Private Secretary to the late Right Honourable Raoul Dandurand, be appointed Clerk of French Minutes of Proceedings and Journals of the Senate, in the place and stead of Alfred L. Garneau, retired, and that he be paid a salary of \$3,120 per annum as from 1st April, 1942.

He said: I move that the report be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

#### WHEAT BONUSES AND OTHER AID TO AGRICULTURE

##### INQUIRY

Hon. C. E. TANNER: Honourable members, we are living in days when the air is vibrant with talk about the spending of millions, hundreds of millions, and billions of dollars. I do not know whether we really think as much about these matters as we should. I have in mind legislation which will be passed during this session in respect to the production of wheat and other grains in the Western Provinces. I am not contesting the wisdom of the policy just now; it may be very defensible; but I am under the impression that we ought to know just what confronts us in terms of expenditure. We are, as I say, talking of huge sums, but I do not