

The Royal Assent

epitome of parliamentary government is the relationship that has been evidenced here during the session and more particularly in these last few moments when each of us speaks as he feels. I do not want to say more than that I believe in this session we have endeavoured to carry out to the highest degree possible the parliamentary system, with the realization that while the government has a large majority at no time has it endeavoured intentionally to bring about a denial of that equality of opportunity which is of the essence of our system.

Mr. Winch: And I thought all the time we were fighting!

Mr. Speaker: May I say on behalf of myself and, if I may, on behalf of the Deputy Speaker and chairman of committees and also the deputy chairman of the committees of the whole, how deeply we appreciate what has been said by hon. members. I am all too conscious of my own deficiencies. I am bound to err and even when I am right I am bound to give offence to one side or the other. Therefore I deeply appreciate the fact that you will tolerate me to the extent you have.

I should like to take this opportunity of saying I hope to see all hon. members before they leave and immediately after we rise I hope that all hon. members will enter the door of room 16 which is wide open and that those who cannot come then will perhaps come after prorogation. Thank you very much indeed.

Mr. C. E. Rea (Spadina): Perhaps I may be allowed to thank hon. members for the co-operation I received when I was sitting in the chair because at times there were rather difficult and borderline rulings to make.

I should also like to express my thanks to the three clerks for their kindness, patience and the very excellent words of wisdom they offer to those who will listen.

May I also be the first to wish all hon. members a merry Christmas.

Mr. Pierre Sevigny (Longueuil): I should like to join Mr. Speaker and add my own thanks to those expressed by the deputy chairman for the kind reception you have given to my somewhat novice decisions during the current session. I owe a great debt of gratitude to you all for your forbearance, to Mr. Speaker for his guidance and to the clerks for all the guidance they gave. I may have been wrong at times and when I was duly corrected it was always quite pleasant. I surely consider it an honour to have presided over the committees during this session.

(Translation):

I wish to thank the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier) and all those who a moment ago showed by their applause their appreciation of such services as I might have rendered during this session. You may rest assured that at all times I appreciated the co-operation of Mr. Speaker and that of hon. members. Thanks to their advice and their encouragement, I have been able on occasion to improve my rulings.

(Text):

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I just want to say briefly that the kindly references made by the leader of this group to yourself are extended also to the Deputy Speaker, the deputy chairman of committees, the officials of the house, and with respect to the kindly references he made to the government side of the house, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I want to say I do not want government members to assume that we think we are burying the government.

At 6.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 8.00 p.m. this day.

*** SITTING RESUMED**

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, September 6, 1958.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Taschereau, in his capacity as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber at eight o'clock p.m. today, the 6th day of September, 1958, for the purpose of proroguing the first session of the twenty-fourth parliament.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,
J. F. Delaute,
Secretary to the Governor General
(Administrative)

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber, the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act for the relief of James Ross MacLaren Paul.