

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 1, 1949.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Acting Speaker (Hon. A. B. Copp) in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. James Gordon Fogo, K.C., of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. Cairine R. Wilson.

Hon. Thomas H. Wood, of Regina, Saskatchewan, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. J. J. Stevenson.

Hon. James Caswell Davis, O.B.E., of St. Boniface, Manitoba, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. A. L. Beaubien.

THE LATE MRS. J. H. KING

TRIBUTES TO HER MEMORY

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: Honourable Senators, when we last met, His Excellency was opening Parliament, and the gracious wife of His Honour the Speaker was in her usual place on the floor of this chamber. Shortly afterward, as was her custom, she received hundreds of guests at the Speaker's reception, greeting each with a cheery smile, a kindly word and a sincere and genuine welcome.

In the intervening period she has passed from our midst, we have paid our last respects to her memory, and even as we are gathered here a transcontinental train is swiftly bearing her remains westward. Soon she will find her last resting place in the province where for over forty years she and His Honour the Speaker lived happily together, sharing each other's fortunes and misfortunes, and where she radiated cheerfulness and shed brightness on all with whom she came in contact.

In due course His Honour the Speaker will return to continue to preside over our deliberations with his customary grace and dignity. On his sad journey westward his heart will be heavy and his loneliness difficult to endure; but when he returns it may afford him some small measure of comfort to realize that in his great sorrow he has the sincere sympathy of his colleagues in this chamber, and that they have considered it a privilege and an honour to have known and to have been associated with Mrs. King and himself.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable members, it may be somewhat unusual to make com-

ments here under circumstances of this kind, but on this occasion I do so out of my very great respect for the late Mrs. King. Not all wives of senators come to Ottawa frequently; some visit it only once in a while; but our association with Mrs. King was almost as close as with the Speaker himself. We have known our Speaker for many years as an eminent son of Canada; and because of our close relationship with him and his wife, it came as a terrible shock to all of us to learn on Thursday morning that the call had come to Mrs. King.

As one who knew her, I respect her memory very highly, and I hope that my words today will be some solace to His Honour when he returns to this house, faced by the great problem of bereavement and the thought that the woman whom he trusted and who counselled him through the years will not be here to encourage and support him. May our sympathy help him to bear his burden.

CHEESE AND CHEESE FACTORY IMPROVEMENT BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson presented Bill B, an Act to amend the Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act.

The bill was read the first time.

NATIONAL TRADE MARK BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson presented Bill C, an Act respecting the application of a National Trade Mark to commodities, and respecting the true description of commodities.

The bill was read the first time.

PENSION FUND SOCIETIES BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson presented Bill D, an Act to amend the Pension Fund Societies Act.

The bill was read the first time.

NATIONAL RAILWAYS AUDITORS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson presented Bill E, an Act respecting the appointment of auditors for the National Railways.

The bill was read the first time.

GAME EXPORT BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson presented Bill F, an Act to amend the Game Export Act.

The bill was read the first time.