

opportunity for vocational training. After the last war a department set up for that purpose did some very effective work. This Bill provides for vocational training not only for young men and women and older men who want to go into industry, but also for men returning from overseas.

I move second reading of the Bill.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. KING: Though there are not many amendments to the Act, I think it would be well to send the Bill to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce. Therefore I move that it be referred to that committee.

The motion was agreed to.

BANKING AND COMMERCE  
COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Honourable senators, may I, with the approval of the leader of the House, state that the Banking and Commerce Committee will sit to-morrow morning at 10.30 a.m.

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

THE SENATE

Thursday, July 16, 1942.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

BANKING AND COMMERCE  
COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Honourable senators, the Committee on Banking and Commerce, which now has two bills under consideration, and may have to deal with another bill, intends to sit on Tuesday, July 21, at 10.45 in the morning.

PAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

MOTION DROPPED

On the notice of motion by Hon. Mr. Gouin:

That the Standing Committee on External Relations be directed to conduct an inquiry into the best means of promoting co-operation, in the spheres of economic, legal, social and cultural relations, between the Dominion of Canada and the other nations of the American continents, and to report the result of such inquiry to the Senate, and that the said Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records.

Hon. L. M. GOUIN: Honourable senators, some time ago I gave notice of my intention to present this motion for the purpose of promoting Canada's co-operation with the other nations of the American continents. I realize that the present session is too far advanced for the matter to be referred to our Committee on External Relations. I believe, however, that this very important question should receive the careful consideration of the Senate as soon as possible next session, for our country has a glorious part to play in fostering inter-American fraternity and solidarity. I am convinced the time has come for Canada to co-operate more fully with the other twenty-one American nations, which have always regretted our absence from their councils. We all have the same vital interest in matters of defence. Moreover, with the loss of our markets in continental Europe, through the war, it is essential for us to study the possibility of expanding our foreign trade southwards. The Government is therefore to be congratulated on the interest it has shown in the development of commercial and diplomatic relations with South America, and in particular with those great and very friendly nations Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador.

Recently the Press has mentioned the fact that negotiations were being carried on between Mexico and Canada with a view to the establishment of a legation by each country at the other's capital. I am convinced the Canadian people in general will welcome any steps to secure closer economic and cultural relations with Mexico, our ally in the present war. Senor Calderon, the Consul General for Mexico, a few months ago took the initiative with his colleagues of the other Central and South American countries to organize the Inter-American Canadian Association. Our Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Mr. MacKinnon, was the guest of honour at the dinner which marked the inauguration of the newly-formed organization, to which I have