

friend that very often we have been surprised at figures which at first glance appeared large, but when we came to study the situation we found they were justified. I will refer to only one item, in relation to the purchase of the Scribe Hotel in Paris, to which there was such objection that the Canadian National Railway management felt it owed it to public opinion to sell the property. Since then I have been in Paris two or three times, and I have deplored the day when we abandoned the title to that property. The Canadian Commissioner's office is of so poor a character that we felt somewhat ashamed when we walked into it. It will be necessary to place our Commissioner General in proper quarters. In the Scribe Hotel we had a property worth double the amount that shocked this Chamber and public opinion, and we had there an opportunity to place our Commissioner and all the services at the very hub of Paris.

When we come to this figure for Washington we must not forget that we occupy a position there beside all the nations of the world. We represent half of North America. Potentially we are a very big nation.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Geographically.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but I say potentially also. We have nine millions of people, and we play a most important part in commerce and trade with the United States.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: We have half the population of Mexico.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but our primary duty is to play our national role there as becomes a nation of our position. The matter with which we have to deal in connection with the United States are of the most vital importance to Canada. I could, if I would, name half a dozen problems that have to be solved within the next few days, but this is not the time to open a discussion on that phase of this Legation development, and the sending of an official delegate to Washington; it would be too vast a subject to be dealt with now.

I am convinced that this Government stands well. It has within the last two or three years reduced taxation; it has shown surpluses; it has reduced the debt; and I hope that with the prosperity which appears to fill our sails the present expenditure will be found quite light when we look at the results next year.

With these few remarks I move the second reading of this Bill.

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

### THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

### PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Honourable F. A. Anglin, acting as Deputy of the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to-day at 8 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Right Honourable F. A. Anglin, Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated on the Throne, and the House of Commons being come with their Speaker:

### BILLS ASSENTED TO

The following Bills were assented to, in His Majesty's name, by the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General:

An Act to amend The Food and Drugs Act, 1920.

An Act for the relief of Dorothy Helen Murray.

An Act for the relief of Lotta Maria McGregor.

An Act for the relief of Harriett Louisa May MacCarthy.

An Act for the relief of Adelaide Mildred Maguire.

An Act for the relief of Dmytro Pushkedra.

An Act for the relief of Muriel Helen Louise Dunn.

An Act for the relief of William Henry Poultney.

An Act for the relief of Cecil Chester Richardson.

An Act for the relief of Bertha Amelia Bertelet.

An Act for the relief of Evelyn May Bateman.

An Act for the relief of Fannie Louise Dance.

An Act for the relief of Sarah Simpson.

An Act for the relief of Percy Compton.

An Act for the relief of Hazel Green Anderson.

An Act to incorporate Gatineau Transmission Company.

An Act respecting certain patents owned by Albert P. Frigon.

An Act for the purpose of establishing in Canada a system of Long Term Mortgage Credit for Farmers.

An Act respecting Commercial Travellers Mutual Insurance Society.

An Act to amend an Act to provide compensation where employees of His Majesty are killed or suffer injuries while performing their duties.

An Act to amend an Act respecting the Construction of a Canadian National Railway Line, being a joint section from Rosedale southeasterly in the Province of Alberta.