

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That the following senators be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session: the Honourable Messieurs Belcourt, Buchanan, Dandurand, Daniel, Graham, Robertson, Sharpe, Tanner and the mover.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is that the same committee that was appointed last year?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: The same committee, exactly.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 17, 1931.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Administrator's speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. F. L. SCHAFFNER moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament; namely:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Lyman Poore Duff, Administrator of the Government.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: Honourable senators, on rising to move the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I say at once that if this honour were to be confined to myself I should have wished that it had been given to some other honourable member, who would have discharged the duty with greater credit than I fear it is possible for me to do. Recognizing, however, that the honour is not merely personal, but has been bestowed principally upon the splendid Province of Manitoba, which has been my home for many years, I wish to express my appreciation to the Right

Honourable the Prime Minister and the Honourable the Minister of Labour, who, I am pleased to say, is a highly esteemed member of this Chamber. It is a matter of particular pride that this is the second time my province has been so honoured.

The march of time has brought with it the periodic change in the viceregal government of our Dominion, a change which in the latest instance was hastened somewhat by the choice of our late Governor General for important service in another part of the Empire. Earl Willingdon, closely following the record of his predecessors, gave to Canada most willing and useful service, in which he was loyally and efficiently seconded by Lady Willingdon. Both bear with them the grateful recognition and thanks of the Canadian people, and our equally sympathetic and hearty good wishes for abundant success in the onerous duties awaiting them in their new sphere of action. The selection by the King of Lord Bessborough to represent His Majesty in succession to Earl Willingdon will command the hearty and universal approval of the Canadian people, both because of the high personal and business qualifications of the viceroy himself, and the happy racial relationship of Lady Bessborough to the early founders of Canada, whose descendants form a large part of our population and constitute so important a factor in our progress and development. The new Governor General and his estimable lady will be sure of a warm welcome to our shores, and of loyal and sympathetic support during their term of service.

Honourable senators, we are assembled in the Parliament of this great Dominion to deal with the most tense financial and economic conditions, which are world-wide and causing concern to legislators of every country. Though our financial and economic position to-day is such as to give ground for anxiety and very serious thought to this Parliament, and especially to the great leader who sits in the Prime Minister's chair in another place, and the loyal men who surround him as advisers, and though depression may exist in all countries in the world, Canada will be at least one of the first to emerge again at its normal level. Our country abounds in resources over which, as has been said, the ground has been merely scratched; it is a comparatively new country, not pressed down with such crushing burdens as those with which the older parts of the world are laden. I think it is a fair statement that this Dominion is the most prosperous place in