

take a national celebration. I think it is exceedingly inappropriate. I think that the right time for a celebration is after the war is over. When the war has been brought, with our help, to a triumphant conclusion, then we can celebrate the victory and celebrate the jubilee of the country at the same time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. David, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, January 24, 1917.

The Senate met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

Hon. Frederic Nicholls, of Toronto, was introduced by Hon. Sir James Loughheed and Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and took his seat.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The Senate resumed the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. L. O. DAVID: Honourable gentlemen, as you all know, I concur in practically everything that has been so well said by the honourable gentlemen who spoke yesterday. There are a few points, however, to which I take exception. I share their views absolutely in regard to Canada's obligations in the great struggle which is going on for the triumph of true civilization and liberty against the most formidable military power that has ever existed. However, honourable gentlemen, I do not feel well enough to make any extended remarks to-day, and I would beg to be allowed to postpone my address to some later time.

Hon. A. BOYER: Honourable gentlemen, before the motion is carried, may I add my quota to the compliments paid to the mover and seconder of the Address? They have accomplished their task as only senators, and experienced ones at that, can do. All young members realize what a task it is to speak for the first time before the

Hon. Mr. POWER.

Senate. I must say for my honourable friend from Sydney (Hon. Mr. McLennan) that he spoke like an old parliamentarian, and said things which cannot be forgotten.

I concur in the regret expressed throughout the Dominion of Canada at the departure of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess, and the Princess Patricia. The Duke himself was an old friend of ours. I can well remember, as a boy, seeing him stationed in Montreal with the old Rifle Brigade. It was one of the pleasures of our school days to go and gaze at the son of Queen Victoria commanding a company of the Royal Victoria Rifles on the Champ de Mars. The royal family has always taken a very keen interest in the Dominion of Canada.

Canada has reason to compliment itself upon the Governors who have been sent out to us. In the present Governor we have a man whose ancestors have shed a bright lustre upon their time. It was my good fortune to be in England when the Marquess of Hartington was the right-hand man of the late Hon. Mr. Gladstone. We followed his policy the world over, and when the unfortunate crisis occurred in which the Marquess of Hartington severed his connection with Mr. Gladstone because they had failed to agree on the question of Home Rule for Ireland, we young men, growing up in the old Liberal school, and having for our ideal the Gladstonian policy, regretted to see the separation. We tender the hand of fellowship to the new Governor, and I trust that Their Excellencies will not regard the cold winter as a criterion of the welcome which we extend to them.

There are only two points in the Speech from the Throne upon which I will say a few words. The first is National Service. Like a good many others I received through the post office on the 22nd of December, if I remember correctly, a card asking for certain information. This card I filled in and mailed on the same day. The question has been asked: how are those in charge of the National Service to ascertain who have signed and who have not signed the National Service cards. The idea of distributing those cards through the country post offices was a very good one, but it had one weakness. The postmasters were not instructed to keep a register of those to whom the cards were delivered. I know a half-a-dozen municipalities in the immediate vicinity of Montreal in which the postmasters delivered the cards. I know of one family in which there were a father and three boys. The father, who