

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns to-day it stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 9, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: May I suggest what I believe will be acceptable to the honourable leader of the Government,—that the Clerk of the Senate be instructed to notify by wire those senators who live at a distance from Ottawa whether there will be a further adjournment shortly after June 9. I do not like to find, on coming down here, that the Senate is about to adjourn after being in session only a couple of days.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I would say the trouble of the honourable member who has just taken his seat (Hon. Mr. Haig) is that he does not live far enough away from Ottawa. If he did, he would accept these adjournments quite philosophically.

Hon. Mr. KING: It would be pretty hard for the Clerk to determine what distance from Ottawa should entitle a senator to receive the notice suggested. So I think we shall have to leave things as they are.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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The Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act to repeal the Petroleum and Naphtha Inspection Act.

An Act respecting the appointment of Auditors for National Railways.

An Act to authorize an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

An Act respecting the Toronto Harbour Commissioners.

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An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to enter into agreements with the governments of the provinces of Canada respecting the vacation by the provinces of personal income and corporation tax fields for the duration of the war.

An Act to provide for the payment of additional subsidies to the Maritime Provinces.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1943.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, June 9, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 9, 1942.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CONFEDERATION PARK AREA, OTTAWA INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. TANNER inquired of the Government:

1. What was the total expenditure of the Government in acquisition of properties, construction work and other incidental costs (including the value of the old Post Office building and its demolition, and costs of providing a new Post Office building; but not including the cost of the War Memorial) for the purposes of Confederation Park and the boulevard between Sparks street and Laurier avenue in the City of Ottawa?

2. What was the total cost to the Government of the lands that are leased to the Lord Elgin Hotel Company at Elgin street; and on what terms is such property leased to said company?

3. Does the Government now own all the properties between Queen street and Laurier avenue at the west side of Elgin street? What does the country pay for each of those properties?

4. Is the Government providing for and paying through its Federal District Commission the costs of repairs, renewals and caretaking of Confederation Park and the boulevard roadways?

5. Did the Federal District Commission perform the work and pay the costs of reducing the size of the traffic island at the junction of Elgin street and Laurier avenue?

6. Did the Federal District Commission perform the work and pay the costs of restoring sidewalks and grass plots and making roadways at the west side of Elgin street fronting the hotel building after the hotel was erected?