

## 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 Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

## NATIONAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION ACT AND WAR MEASURES ACT

## ORDERS IN COUNCIL TABLED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I desire to lay on the Table two Orders in Council amending National Registration Regulations tabled in the Senate. One bears on the postage to be paid on all mail matter, including supplies.

Whereas section 35 of the National Registration Regulations, 1940, established by Order in Council of the 12th July, 1940, under and in virtue of the National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940, and the War Measures Act, provides for the transmission in the mails free of Canada postage, of all mail matter, including supplies;

And whereas this section conflicts with section 160 of the Canada Official Postal Guide, which stipulates that supplies (stationery, etc.) are only to be accepted when fully prepaid by means of postage stamps at the ordinary postage rates;

Therefore His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of National War Services and with the concurrence of the Postmaster General, is pleased to amend the National Registration Regulations, 1940, established by Order in Council of 12th July, 1940 (P.C. 3156), and they are hereby amended by adding the following words to section 35 thereof:

provided postage shall be fully prepaid on supplies (stationery, etc.) at the regular third class matter rate.

this proviso to be effective on and from the 25th day of July, 1940.

The second Order in Council amends certain directions to the Chief Registrar for Canada.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Are these regulations under the Mobilization Act?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No. They are instructions to the Chief Registrar.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: In respect only of registration?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The other regulations are not ready yet?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If it will not alarm my right honourable friend, I may say I am always thinking of him, and of the

requests he occasionally makes for various information. I asked yesterday if these regulations would reach us in time to be laid on the Table, and was told that was improbable, but they would be issued soon and announced to the public. They are based on the statement which I read here a few days ago.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I could have told my honourable friend long ago—in fact I did tell him—that it was improbable they would be laid on the Table in time for the House to discuss them. This just makes a monkey of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend has no right to say that, because not only did I read the whole basis of the regulations, but I said that if my right honourable friend so desired I would call before one of our committees the gentlemen who are drafting the regulations, so that honourable members would know just what was being done and how it was being done. These gentlemen are: Mr. Cassels, a prominent Toronto lawyer, who, I think, is a son of the late Judge Cassels; Brigadier Orde, the Judge-Advocate-General, and Mr. Boisvert, of Quebec. I think my right honourable friend will find everything done to his satisfaction.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I did not see very much value in cross-examining two lawyers on regulations which had not yet been drafted.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But they have their instructions and are following them faithfully.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members, I move that when the Senate adjourns this day it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 5, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Is there any provision for the Speaker calling senators to meet in advance of the date mentioned?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is provided for in our resolution covering the whole of this session.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable members, I desire to thank our senior colleagues for their attendance this morning. And may I draw attention to the presence of the honourable senator from Peterborough (Hon. Mrs. Fallis) by asking her to second the motion I am about to make. I move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.