

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Copp (for Hon. Mr. Robertson), it was ordered that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. COPP (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

That all the senators present during the session be appointed a committee to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. COPP (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Haig, Howard, Robertson, Sinclair, White and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

THE SENATE

Friday, March 15, 1946

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

FAREWELL ADDRESS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM CANADA

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I am sure it is the wish of all that on the occasion of the departure from Canada of His Excellency the Governor General we should have an opportunity to express our appreciation, and the appreciation of those whom we represent, of the services which His Excellency has rendered this country during his tenure of office, and our best wishes for his future.

His tenure of office has covered a very eventful period in Canada's history, a period which witnessed the magnificent effort of our fighting men, who were wholeheartedly supported by all our people. From this supreme effort Canada emerges a world power, respected throughout the whole earth.

I believe, honourable senators, that no one has contributed more in a general way to the accomplishments of Canada in recent years than His Excellency the Governor General. He concerned himself not only with matters of government, but with all phases of our people's activities. War industries in every part of the country were encouraged by his visits and his words of congratulation and good cheer. During the war there came to Canada many prominent personages to whom he was host, and to whom he extended that fine hospitality for which he was so noted. Having travelled widely in the Dominion, even to many of the more remote sections, he had an intimate knowledge of the country. He was keenly interested in all activities of the various war services, and gave leadership and support to a wide range of cultural developments.

I am sure all honourable senators will agree that the presence and personality of the Governor General have done much to strengthen and improve, if that be possible, the relations between this country and the Crown, which he has so fittingly represented here.

I think all will agree, too, that in serving this country he has at all times had the co-operation and assistance of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Throughout their stay in Canada she has displayed an intense interest in all matters having to do with the common good of the people. The efforts of her Royal Highness on behalf of Canada have run parallel with those of His Excellency.

And now, as they leave the shores of Canada, we bid them farewell. It is, I believe, the universal wish of the people of the Dominion that His Excellency and Her Royal Highness shall enjoy long life and happiness. In the future, as ever and anon their thoughts turn to this country, they can rest assured that they have won for themselves in the hearts of the Canadian people a respect and affection which time will not dim, but which will be ever increased and quickened with the passing years.

Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate I desire to move, seconded by the honourable the acting leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne), the following resolution:

Resolved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General on the