THE SENATE

Thursday, October 25, 1962

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

October 25, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Patrick Kerwin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 25th October, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,
A. G. Cherrier,
Assistant Secretary
to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

LAND USE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur M. Pearson, Chairman of the Special Committee on Land Use in Canada, presented the first report of the committee, as follows:

Your committee recommend:

- 1. That their quorum be reduced to five members.
- 2. That they be authorized to print 1,000 copies in English and 300 copies in French of their day-to-day proceedings.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Honourable senators, I move, with leave, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, October 30, 1962, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Honourable senators, may I at this time make a short announcement? I expect to be unavoidably absent for a few days next week, and in my absence then, and also at other times, the honourable senator from Ottawa East (Hon. Mr. Choquette), the deputy leader, will assume my duties. Possibly it is not necessary for me to make this statement at this time, but since this is the first occasion for doing so I thought it might not be considered out of place.

Motion agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), for an address in reply thereto.

Hon. Muriel McO. Fergusson: Honourable senators, I should like to add my congratulations to those already expressed by other honourable senators to the members of this house who took their place for the first time at the beginning of the present session. They bring to us a wealth of experience from their varied walks of life and, based on what we have already heard from many of them, I am sure that in the years to come their contributions will be both material and significant.

I wholeheartedly congratulate His Honour the Speaker, who already has proven not only that he is capable of carrying the responsibilities of his new office, but also that together with his delightful wife he brings charm and grace to the position.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Fergusson: I congratulate the mover (Hon. Mr. Haig) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Fournier, Madawaska-Restigouche) of the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, on their interesting and informative speeches; and my special good wishes and congratulations go to the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks), whose career I have followed with sympathetic interest and pride since the day long since when, together with my late husband and myself, he was admitted to the Bar of New Brunswick.