

THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 20, 1959

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

Prayers.

ROYAL VISIT

ITINERARY OF TOUR OF CANADA BY THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, at this time I think I should make a brief statement with respect to the royal visit.

You are no doubt all aware of the coming visit to Canada of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness Prince Philip. During that visit Her Majesty will officiate at ceremonies being held in connection with opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Our Queen is expected to arrive in Canada, in the province of Newfoundland, on or about the 18th day of June, and will be in Ottawa on July 1st for the purpose of celebrating our national birthday. The royal party will spend some six weeks in Canada, and during that period will visit many parts of this country which have never been visited before by any King or Queen of Canada.

I have just received from the office of the Prime Minister a copy of the itinerary, which, with the leave of the house, I will table and ask that it be printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*, so that all honourable senators will have a copy of it.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

See Appendix "A" to today's *Hansard*, pp. 12-15.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: It stands to reason that more details as to dates, times, proceedings and other matters will be furnished in the near future, shortly before the visit.

In my opinion, honourable senators, this visit will be one of the great events of Canadian history. It is my hope that, if this session of Parliament is about ready to be prorogued before Her Majesty leaves Canada for her return home, she will be able to preside here on that occasion.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, I am sure we all agree with the suggestion of the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) that the itinerary should appear in our *Hansard* so that it will be available to every member of the Senate. If there is a motion I will second it now. I am sure all honourable senators were very pleased to read in the press some time ago that Her Majesty Queen

Elizabeth II and Prince Philip will visit Canada this summer, and now we are happy to hear this news made official by the announcement just made by the honourable Leader of the Government.

I join with the honourable leader in expressing the wish that Her Majesty will be able to prorogue Parliament when she is in Ottawa, on July 1. I would suggest that no time of Parliament at this session should be wasted on unnecessary debate which might prevent that event from taking place. I can assure the honourable Leader of the Government that no unnecessary debate will take place from this side of the house.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Perhaps the Government will bring down its legislation in time this session.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I know there is quite a feeling of disappointment throughout the land, especially on the part of many young people, because Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, and his lovely little sister, Princess Anne, will not accompany their royal parents to Canada. However, on account of their ages I think that a visit by them at this time would not be advisable. But I feel sure that all Canadians look forward to the day when we can welcome to our shores not only our beloved Sovereign and Prince Philip, but also the heir to the throne and Princess Anne.

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Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, before we proceed with the regular work this evening I have a sad duty to perform, and that is to refer to the passing of the late Honourable Senator Jacob Nicol.

Senator Nicol was a great friend of most of us in this chamber, and we all regretted very much to learn of his death on September 23 last, very shortly after the last session of Parliament was prorogued. I had been intimately acquainted with him for more than fifteen years. His room in the Senate was next door to the one occupied by the honourable senator from Blaine Lake (Hon. Mr. Horner) and myself for twenty years or more, and whenever Senator Nicol came to Ottawa to attend to his business here he visited us, and we learned from him many of the wonderful things that had happened to him during his lifetime. He told us about his university career—how he had gone to, I think, three universities, and graduated from all of them, and he explained to us the letters which appear after his name in the *Canadian Parliamentary Guide*—more letters, I would say, than appear after the name of any other senator, namely, B.A., LL.M., Q.C., D.C.L.,