

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.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND 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.

TRIBUTE TO DECEASED SENATORS

THE LATE SENATORS SMEATON WHITE AND CHARLES McDONALD

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members, it is my sad duty to note the departure from our midst of Senator Smeaton White, who was with us for some twenty years. His name was so closely associated with the Montreal Gazette that one could never think of him without at the same time linking him with his lifework. We who were of his age, from our college days awaited his paper every morning for the domestic and foreign news, and for its interesting commentary on the various activities of the nation as viewed by the sober-minded conservative element of the community. The Montreal Gazette has been looked upon by its readers as a national institution that any country might be proud of.

I knew Honourable Thomas White, the talented journalist, and his brother, Richard White, the managing director, both of whom in their respective spheres were succeeded by sons who were worthy of their sires.

Journalism and politics are closely allied. The journalist is naturally versed in public affairs. It is no wonder, therefore, that three of the family entered Parliament and therein pursued a brilliant career. Our colleague, who came from the manager's desk, was of a modest and retiring disposition, but when clothed with the full responsibility of president of the company and that of a member of Parliament, he took a greater interest in the political direction of the paper, and more and more impressed his views and his personality upon its policies. He brought the Gazette to a very high level in the newspaper realm. May I be allowed to state that many a time while I was in Europe there were crucial moments when the European press was filled with news of events

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developing in its very midst, with accompanying commentaries. When, six or eight days later, the Gazette came to hand, I was somewhat proud to give the palm to my home paper. From afar it seemed to have a better perspective and a wider vista.

I feel that what I am stating of his life work would highly please our departed colleague. Senator White's experience, judgment and advice were valuable to this Chamber and to the State, which he served in many a field. To draw closer the East and the West, he often invited groups of senators to journey through our industrial centers, so as to familiarize them with our principal eastern activities. He was, in the whole acceptance of the term, a public-spirited citizen.

To his relatives and his journalistic family I know the Senate will join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

The Senate would have been happy to welcome the Honourable Charles McDonald since his appointment to this Chamber in December, 1935. Unfortunately, illness prevented him from being introduced to His Honour the Speaker. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1925 and generously offered his seat to Right Honourable Mr. King, the Prime Minister. To the late Mr. McDonald's family we extend the sympathy of the Senate.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: I did not have the privilege of knowing Senator McDonald, to whom reference was last made by the honourable leader of this House. He had been a resident of Prince Albert for many years, and from there went to Vancouver, where he was living at the time of his elevation to this Chamber. We can be called upon, and we respond naturally to the call, to express our sorrow to those who depended upon him, our sympathy to his bereaved family and our regrets that his talents were not available to us, as no doubt all of us would have liked to have him associated with this Chamber.

We on this side of the House appreciate to the full the very generous tribute paid by the leader of the House to the memory of one of our number, the Honourable Smeaton White, who for a long time was a member of this Chamber. It was my privilege to know the late Senator White since my entry into public life, which took place a long while back, almost thirty years ago. Naturally and necessarily I followed his career as a man of considerable prominence in the business community, as a man who had an active and exceedingly independent