

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: As this debate will continue for some time, may I suggest that the honourable gentleman move the adjournment of the debate so that we may complete the business on the Order Paper?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is it the intention of the honourable gentleman that we should sit this evening?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Very well, I will move the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the debate was adjourned.

LOCATION OF RAILWAYS BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill L2, an Act to amend the Railway Act.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

DIVORCE BILLS.

THIRD READINGS.

Bill F2 an Act for the relief of Rose Kent Miller.—Hon. Mr. Blain.

Bill G2, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Winters.—Hon. Mr. Blain.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Thursday, May 1, 1919.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE LATE LT.-COL. G. H. BAKER, M.P.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. G. G. FOSTER: Honourable gentlemen, before we proceed with the Orders of the Day I desire to ask the indulgence of this House while I refer to a matter that, I am sure, will be received with sympathy by every honourable member of this assembly. When the war began we in Canada, because we were not used to matters of this kind, were at first inclined to look upon our soldiers from a somewhat provincial point of view; but as the war went on that attitude changed; and during the last three years there has been in this country a unanimous feeling that every man from Alaska to the lower provinces who was fighting for Canada was our soldier hero.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND:

Now that our soldiers are returning, we are to some extent reverting to the former attitude, and, quite properly, we are beginning to think of and pay special attention to our own local heroes amongst the soldiers. I am one of those who desire and hope to see in this country, in every hamlet, in every public place, a memorial erected, in order that coming generations may recognize the valour and service rendered by the men who went from their local community to the war, and thereby help to build up a broad, enthusiastic, Canadian spirit.

There went from the Parliament of Canada many men who served the Empire faithfully, well, and successfully; but it was reserved for one man alone among them all to sacrifice his life on the field of battle. I refer to the late George Harold Baker, member for Brome, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 5th Mounted Rifles. We are building on Parliament Hill a structure in which we shall conduct for many years the future business of this country. On its walls and in its interior it will show the faces and record the works of distinguished Canadians who made Canada and its present glorious condition possible. And, honourable gentlemen, I think that we should be doing our duty and be doing honour to the two Houses of Parliament to place within the precincts of that building a memorial befitting the sacrifice made by the man who, with bright and happy prospect in life before him, went forth to fight, and fell on the field, as the representative of the Canadian Parliament. He did not count me among his friends, but when he shouldered his musket I became one, and he was my hero when he fell.

It might be said that this matter would more properly be introduced in the House to which he belonged; but that officer was not only a member of the House of Commons. He was a member of the Parliament of Canada, and I should like, with the permission of this House, to move:

That a committee composed of the Honourable Messieurs Bradbury, Casgrain, Pope, and the mover, be appointed a Special Committee to confer and act with the Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons who have in charge the building and arrangement of the new Parliament Building, in order that there may be erected therein a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Lieutenant-Colonel George Harold Baker, M.P. for Brome, as being the only member of Parliament who lost his life on the field of battle.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Before the adoption of the motion, in which I heartily concur, I would suggest that the committee