

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The main idea expressed by the honourable senator is the conducting of a national study of our production capacity, our assets, our own nature.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: Of our natural resources.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: Everything told, it would be a study conducted by Conservatives.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: However, unless I am mistaken, a national government is one from which politicians would be excluded.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: Not at all. It would not necessarily include politicians only, if competent men could be found in other fields. I am convinced that such a study, to be complete and impartial and to represent all the nation, in these difficult times, should be undertaken under a national government, for in this way only would national unity be logically and really preserved.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has the honourable senator thought of submitting a list of men who would represent his ideal of this national government?

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: The honourable leader knows perfectly well that the naming of these men is not my responsibility. Possibly he wishes to take the place of my friend from Sorel in asking awkward questions, but he may rest assured that I shall not fall into the trap.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

PRIVATE BILLS FIRST READINGS

Bill B, an Act to incorporate the Canadian Dental Association.—Hon. Mr. Coté.

Bill C, an Act to change the name of the Saskatchewan Life Insurance Company to Fidelity Life Assurance Company.—Hon. Mr. McGuire.

TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH CHILE, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

On the Order:

Consideration of a message from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that they have approved trade agreements entered into with Chile, Brazil and the Argentine Republic and to ask the Senate to concur in the said approval.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, there is a possibility that the Senate may be sitting to-morrow, though I

hope it will not. My idea was that we should discuss the trade agreements on Tuesday next, but in case we are meeting to-morrow and are waiting for something to do, we could consider them then. I therefore would move that this Order be discharged and placed on the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, the Plebiscite Bill which we have just sent back to the House of Commons with some amendment, may be discussed there and returned to us before six o'clock. So I would ask that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, in the expectation of being reconvened, at the call of the bell, between five and six o'clock.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, the world belongs to the optimist. I am told that the Deputy Governor will be here at ten minutes to six to sanction the Plebiscite Bill, it being assumed that by then our amendments will have been accepted by the House of Commons. If honourable members share the hope that has been instilled into me, we can suspend the sitting until a quarter to six. If at six o'clock the amended Bill has not reached us from the other House, we shall have to arrange for Royal Assent at a later hour this evening.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

DOMINION PLEBISCITE BILL

COMMONS AGREEMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to Bill 10, an Act respecting the taking of a Plebiscite in every electoral district in Canada and the taking of the votes at such Plebiscite of Canadian Service voters stationed within and without Canada.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right