

thing that is at all vulnerable, and I thank him for the implied compliment when he says that he will require some days to prepare himself to find fault with what I have said this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Weeks, perhaps.

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

THE SENATE

Friday, October 14, 1932.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, with leave of the House I move, seconded by the honourable senator from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand), that when the House adjourns to-day it stand adjourned until Thursday next, October 20, at 8 o'clock. It does not seem by any means certain that there will not be business of an important character before us by that time; therefore I do not feel like taking the responsibility of moving a longer adjournment.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The right honourable gentleman has mentioned my name as seconder. It is an act of courtesy, although it is as well an act of policy on his part to do so. However I do not object.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX: I do not object to the adjournment, if it is necessary, but I should like the right honourable gentleman to tell us whether nothing can come over to us from the other House before Thursday next. Is the Address to be debated over there until then?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not anticipate it will be, though I am exceedingly timorous about saying what may be done in the other House. But that is the best estimate one can give of when there may be business for this House.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX: I do not object, but there are the public to be remembered.

The motion was agreed to.

GYPSUM QUEEN INVESTIGATION

Before the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, it is within the knowledge of us all that since we met last a commission

appointed by royal authority has concluded its investigations into certain transactions in connection with the sinking of a vessel known as the Gypsum Queen, and that these investigations disclosed the fact that very substantial sums of money were taken from the treasury. According to the report, they were wrongfully taken. In the report of Mr. Chief Justice Harvey, of Alberta, who was the Royal Commissioner, an honourable member of this House, the senator for Cumberland (Hon. Mr. Logan), is seriously reflected upon in connection with the receipt of those moneys. The Government, having received the report, had to decide what should be its own course in the premises. It becomes my duty to reveal to the Senate the decision of the Government and also to state what course, if any, I think this House should pursue. I have had conversations with the honourable member, at his request, and indeed but for an intimation from him that he intended to make a statement on the subject at the opening I would have stated the position of the Government then. He has postponed making a statement, and I feel, and have advised him accordingly, that a pronouncement should not be delayed past to-day.

On the receipt of the report it was referred to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to what would be the appropriate course, regard being had to the law which surrounds the whole matter; and following the report of that department it has been decided that action should be taken for the recovery of the moneys so paid out of the treasury of Canada, from the parties who received them, including the honourable senator from Cumberland. These proceedings for the recovery of the moneys are now under way.

Under the immediate circumstances, I do not think it is necessary for the Senate to take any action in the premises.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

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. Poirier for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. E. MICHENER: Honourable members, before addressing myself to the subject-matter of the Speech from the Throne I wish to make reference to Their Excellencies' recent visit to Western Canada. For us who live so far from the capital of the Dominion it is a great event to have such an official visit to that part of our country. We have there a large number of settlers from foreign coun-