

ten minutes after I received the notice. The consequence is that the Senate committee has not yet been organized. I took the opportunity of communicating with various members of the committee, suggesting that they might do one of two things: either organize and sit separately, and travel over the same ground practically as the Commons had done or take up a new field of inquiry; or that they might attend the Commons committee meetings. I felt sure that the committee would extend the courtesy to members of this House of allowing them to examine witnesses and take the same part that members of their committee did. Immediately upon our meeting to-day I took steps to have a notice sent to the members of the committee notifying them that we would meet for the purpose of organization to-morrow.

In this case the situation is somewhat different. My honourable friend will realize that it would be folly for two committees of Parliament to sit and discuss separately the character of the celebration that will take place. There can be only one celebration, and it must be the outcome of agreement between the two Chambers; hence the necessity of the committees sitting together.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I quite agree with my hon. friend that it is not practical to have two committees to sit on this subject. I wished to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the two committees were appointed on the same day, and that the House of Commons committee, knowing that a committee of this House had been appointed, chose to meet and elect its president and officers without considering in any way the honourable gentlemen of this House.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: You should have organized separately.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Not at all. We were called there to meet, and I think the courteous thing would have been for that committee to have waited until we were there. I quite agree that it is absurd to traverse the whole of the evidence; I think the committee has heard twenty-five or thirty witnesses, and the evidence consists of seven or eight hundred pages. I do not blame my honourable friend for suggesting that the committee should meet together; it would save time and expense; but what I object to is the discourtesy with which this House was treated, and for that reason I think we ought to take precautions in

order that members of this House who are on committees shall be treated in a different way in future.

The motion was agreed to.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED SENATORS.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It is my melancholy duty to make mention to the Senate of the death since we last met of three of our most influential members. I refer, first, to our departed colleague Sir Lyman Melvin Jones. Although our late colleague was one of the leading captains of industry in the Dominion and represented directly larger commercial interests than probably any other member in this Chamber, he at the same time, for the last thirty years, had been prominent in the public life of the Dominion. Although of late years he resided in the city of Toronto, yet in his earlier days he was closely identified with the development of the West, and particularly of the province of Manitoba. He was at one time mayor of Winnipeg. For some years he was Treasurer in the Provincial Government, and that province enjoyed the benefit of his foresight and executive ability.

His many interests, not only throughout Canada, but also in the United States, prevented him to some extent from identifying himself as closely with the business of this Chamber as he otherwise would have done, but during his attendance we always had the advantage of his very great experience and knowledge. His views on all public matters were listened to with great attention and with the deepest interest. To those who knew him best he was a man most genial and companionable and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-men. He was in every sense a public man of the most representative type and was a valuable member of this Chamber.

I learned yesterday of the death of our colleague Senator Baird, of New Brunswick. After a somewhat protracted illness he passed away last Saturday. He was one of the older members of this House, having been appointed some twenty-two years ago, and until recent years was almost continuously in attendance at our sessions. Like many other members of this chamber, he distinguished himself in the provincial field before coming into the wider field of Dominion politics. The late Senator Baird for a number of years was a member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick and also a Legislative Councillor of that province until the abolition of its second cham-

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