

be, hope and trust that on his return to Canada he will be fully restored to health and able to resume the duties of his high and important office.

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

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, March 2, 1920.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE DIVORCE BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill A, an Act respecting Divorce.—Hon. Mr. Barnard.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK inquired:

1. Has the Government any information as to the appointment of Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction in the British Government, to the position of British Ambassador to Washington, as announced in the Canadian papers?

2. Has the Canadian Government been in any way consulted as to the appointment of Sir Auckland Geddes or any one else to this position?

3. Has the Canadian Government made any suggestion to the British Government in the matter of this appointment with which Canadian interests are so closely concerned?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The answer to each question is No. The matter is exclusively within the authority of the Imperial Government, not of this Government.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The Senate resumed from Friday, February 27, consideration of the motion for an Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. THOMAS CHAPAIS (translation): Honourable gentlemen, it is not without feelings of deep emotion that I rise at this time to address this House. Thirty-five years ago another, whose name I bear, was likewise a member of the Senate of Canada. When it pleased His Majesty's Government to call me in my turn to a place among you—which honour I regard as one

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of the greatest of my entire career—I could not but carry myself back over the long interval of years and conjure up a memory which has naturally always remained dear to me. But, without dwelling longer upon those memories and personal sentiments which are mine at this moment, I wish to add at once that to have been invited by the Government to represent in the Senate the district of Granville was for me a particularly interesting event, and such as to enhance the legitimate satisfaction that I experienced in being made the recipient of such a mark of distinction. It was in the district of Granville that I was born, and in that district I have had occasion to engage in more than one political battle, and I can assure you that I gave a hearty handshake to my excellent friend and old-time opponent, the Hon. Mr. Choquette, who was my predecessor in this House, when he informed me that he had resigned as representative of the district.

As I have mentioned the name of the Hon. Mr. Choquette, I say that since my arrival here, I have been enabled to understand how my honourable friend figured as one of the most aggressive debaters of the Senate, where generally the atmosphere is so tranquil and undisturbed. I am not, however, surprised that he should have acquired such a reputation, because I have myself frequently had occasion to cross swords in the arena of political debate with Hon. Mr. Choquette. In justice, however, I desire to add that while combating with all the energy I possessed the opinions of the honourable gentleman and the principles of the party he represented I always found him to be intensely loyal to our institutions and imbued with a great sincerity of conviction.

It was a task at once honourable and onerous for a new member to rise on such an occasion to address an assembly of men so thoroughly conversant with the politics of the country. Only a sense of the kindly forbearance and traditional courtesy of the Senate could have determined me to accept such an honour and responsibility.

I have no intention of inflicting upon you a long commentary on each of the paragraphs contained in the speech from the Throne. I will therefore, with your permission, confine myself to emphasizing certain passages, and to considering briefly a few of the general ideas suggested by it.

But, first of all, I desire to join in the sentiment of rejoicing with which the speech of His Excellency hailed the return of the Canadian Parliament to the historic hill