

The SPEAKER—All the papers regarding Hon. Mr. Robertson's absence will be submitted to the committee, which will meet at the call of the chairman, and I understand the report of the committee will be submitted to the full House, and that will be the time, as I understand it, to discuss the adoption of the report.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Friday, February 12, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PURCHASE OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired:

Has the Government purchased the railway known as the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway?

1. What is the length of the said railway?
2. Who were the owners?
3. What was the purchase price?
4. Is it being worked and operated as part of the Intercolonial system?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows:—

There is an agreement for purchase.

1. 36 miles.
2. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway.
3. To be \$270,000.
4. It is being operated by the Intercolonial Railway.

THE LATE SENATORS JAFFRAY AND KIRCHHOFFER.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—In making reference to the death of our late colleague Senator Jaffray we are vividly reminded that the years of our pilgrimage are growing apace. In the summer session of August last he was with us and to all appearances gave promise of several years of public service. In conversation with him at that time he impressed me as possessing that usual vigour and strength of mind which he always evinced in the transaction of public business.

Those of us who were unaware of his very short illness were startled to learn of his most sudden death. From a life of great

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activity, identified as he was with many of the great financial institutions of our country, he was suddenly summoned to that Bar from which no traveller returns.

The late Senator Jaffray belonged to that splendid type of man who many years ago came from Scotland and laid deep and wide and strong the foundation of our national institutions. For over half a century he was peculiarly identified in the building up of many of the great industrial and financial institutions of his native province. Few men were so largely associated with the business life of the city of Toronto as was our late colleague. Coming into the Senate in 1906 he rendered invaluable services through the exercise of his ripe experience and his cool and deliberate judgment in those matters of important legislation with which this Chamber has to deal.

He was most closely associated in business and in friendship with our late colleagues Hon. Senators Cox and Sir George Ross, the three of whom by a strange coincidence were summoned by death during the year 1914. For over a generation he was probably more closely associated by ties of friendship with those of his late colleagues whom I have mentioned, than with any others outside of his own family. They were all men who left deep impressions upon the public affairs of Canada and this Senate and the public life of Canada have suffered irreparable loss in their removal. While Senator Jaffray, though deeply attached and loyal to the great political party to which he belonged, yet in his friendships and in the exercise of his kindly acts knew no distinction of party. It is, therefore, with the deepest regret that we place upon the records of the Senate the great loss which we have sustained through the death of our late colleague from Toronto, Senator Jaffray.

It has been my melancholy duty on many occasions to mention to the Senate of the loss through death of the many colleagues who within the last few years have left vacant chairs in this Chamber. With none of them have I been so closely associated as with my departed friend, the late Senator Kirchhoffer. He became a member of this Chamber shortly after I entered it and since that time down to the time of his death the ties of friendship united us most closely. He was one of the pioneers of the great Northwest. Thirty odd years ago when a young man he left the province of Ontario and laid in the