

## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion to adjourn:

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Honourable senators, as this is the last time I shall be sitting in this place during the present session I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your co-operation and help throughout the year. We have not been in accord with one another at all times but we have remained on excellent terms and continued to co-operate in keeping alive the spirit of service in the Senate. I feel the Senate is serving our country in a splendid manner and in accordance with our Constitution, the British North America Act. However, the act limits our activities. We are prepared to render more service if the opportunity should arise. We shall no doubt endeavour to seek that opportunity, and it may be possible to amend the Constitution at some time so that the work of Parliament can be more evenly distributed between the two houses. We have in this chamber men and women of wide experience and outstanding ability, some who have served as provincial premiers, others as federal or provincial cabinet ministers and others as members of provincial Legislatures; as well as men and women who have attained outstanding success in the business and educational fields.

I know that the desire to be of service will continue, and my chief reason for rising at this time is to thank all honourable senators for the co-operation and help they have given me throughout the session.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Hackett:** Honourable senators, my experience in the Senate has not been of very great length. I am pleased to state on behalf of the Opposition that the relations between the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) and the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) are excellent, and that the work here has been carried on amid the amenities of the best parliamentary practice. I have not been here long enough to become acquainted with all the opportunities that our form of government provides. I agree with the Leader of the Government that there is a wealth of talent in this house, but I am not certain that it is always either explored or exploited to the extent it might be for the benefit of the country at large. Possibly at another time I may be able to dwell at greater length upon this question. In the meantime I am very happy to join with the Leader of the Government in his felicitous remarks on the way in

which difficult problems have been dealt with in this chamber.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

## PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

### THE ROYAL ASSENT—SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Honourable Patrick Kerwin, the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

- An Act to amend the Northwest Territories Power Commission Act.
- An Act to amend the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act.
- An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.
- An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act.
- An Act respecting Personal Finance Company of Canada.
- An Act to amend the Post Office Act.
- An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act and the Criminal Code.
- An Act to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act.
- An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.
- An Act to amend the Telegraphs Act.
- An Act to amend the Small Loans Act.
- An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act.
- An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act.
- An Act to promote equal pay for female employees.
- An Act to incorporate Signature Loan and Finance Company.
- An Act to amend the Income Tax Act.
- An Act to amend the Public Service Superannuation Act.
- An Act to amend the Indian Act.
- An Act to amend The Canada-United States of America Tax Convention Act, 1943.
- An Act to implement an Agreement between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax.
- An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1957.

After which the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to close the Third Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament with the following speech:

Honourable members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

During the present session a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers was held in London where, amongst other things, a most useful exchange of views on the international situation took place in that atmosphere of friendly co-operation which characterizes these meetings.