

been bored under the mountain to the heart of the city; but now that we have the Grand Trunk railway merged into the Canadian National system the question of the terminals of the Grand Trunk railway will have to be studied jointly with that of the Canadian Northern or the Canadian National railways. I hope that the city authorities and the Canadian National Railways will soon be able to come together and present a scheme that will be as generally satisfactory as the one that has been determined upon for the city of Toronto.

TRIBUTES TO HON. SENATOR DANDURAND

Hon. J. D. REID: Honourable gentlemen, I understand that all the Bills that have been sent from the House of Commons up to the present time have now been dealt with, and that there is likely to be only one more Bill presented to this House. Therefore the work of the Session is ended, and I would like to say just a word or two with reference to the work of the Senate.

During this Session some very important legislation has been passed by Parliament, and this Chamber in dealing with it has in my judgment done its duty well and without fear or favour. In carrying legislation through this House a great deal of work devolves upon the leader of the Government. He has had a great deal of work during the present Session—almost more than any one man should have—and I wish to say that he has performed his duty in a very courteous, pleasant, faithful, and kindly manner.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. REID: His work is much more difficult by reason of the fact that he has to take charge of legislation affecting every department of the Government. He is a member of the Government without portfolio, and in that respect is in a much more difficult position than many who have occupied the position of leader before him. A member of the Government with portfolio is more or less in touch with every Department; and so far as that is concerned I believe that the Senate is entitled to a member of the Government with portfolio—and I hope that before we meet here again the Government will see its way clear to do justice to the honourable gentleman by placing him in possession of a portfolio, thus enabling him to carry on his work with greater ease than at present.

Although at times perhaps it was difficult for him to control himself when some of us were perhaps endeavouring to make things uncomfortable for him, I repeat—and in doing

so I believe I express the feeling of every member on this side of the House—that no man could have performed his duties in a more courteous manner than the leader of the Government has done.

I feel that during the recess every member, on this side of the House at least, should take every opportunity of considering the possibility of lightening the work of the leader of the Government next Session. I have been giving this matter consideration for some little time, and I am going to tell you what I think could be done. Until I came to this House I never realized that the leader of the Government here had such a tremendous task, and when I look at Sir James Lougheed and see how well he looks and how he has retained his health, I wonder how he accomplished it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. REID: He is hale and hearty, and looks as though he would be able to occupy the position of leader for many years to come if the opportunity arises. For some time I have been considering the means of lightening the burden of the leader of the Government, and my suggestion is—and if anybody has anything better to offer after considering the matter, we will listen to him upon our return—that we should work to obtain a majority in the general election that is going to take place during the recess, and that Sir James Lougheed should take the position.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is very unkind to Sir James Lougheed.

Hon. Mr. REID: I want to make it as easy as possible for the honourable gentleman next Session. But, speaking seriously, I may say that every word that I have said about the leader of the Government has come from the bottom of my heart.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, as we say in the Committee, "deleting" everything my honourable friend from Grenville (Hon. Mr. Reid) has said with reference to myself, I fully concur in the very pleasing and fitting expressions that he has uttered with reference to my honourable friend the leader of the House.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: In view of the very energetic and enthusiastic way in which the honourable member from Grenville has directed so many of his efforts this