

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. KING moved:

That all the senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. KING moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Hugessen, Sinclair, White and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

EMERGENCY SITTINGS OF THE SENATE MOTION

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, with leave I move, seconded by the honourable senator from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Copp):

That for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate, which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses as registered with the Clerk of the Senate to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and non-receipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 2, 1943.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

THE LATE SENATORS PARENT AND GRAHAM

TRIBUTES TO THEIR MEMORY

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, since we adjourned on August 1, death has again appeared in our midst and taken from us two very distinguished members. I refer to

the death of the Hon. George Parent on December 14, 1942, and the passing of the Right Hon. George P. Graham on January 2, 1943.

Senator Parent was born in 1879, the son of S. N. Parent, a former Premier of the Province of Quebec. The late senator was a graduate of Laval University, a lawyer by profession, and was associated with the firm of Parent, Taschereau & Cannon. He also had a place in the industrial life of his province, having been a director of the Sun Trust Company, Limited, of Southern Canada Power Company, and of Quebec Power Company, and president of Citadel Brick Limited, of Wolfesfield Limited, and of Equitable Enterprises, Limited. In 1904 he entered the House of Commons from the district of Montmorency, which he represented until 1911. He was re-elected in 1921 for the division of Quebec West, and continued to represent that district until 1930. In all he served five parliamentary sessions in the House of Commons.

In 1930 he was summoned to the Senate. He took an active part in the work of this Chamber and was a valuable member of a number of our committees. He was appointed to the honourable position of Speaker of this House in 1940, and throughout his period of office presided with dignity and impartiality. It is with deep regret that we record his passing.

The Right Hon. George P. Graham was born in 1859, and had a very long and distinguished career. He was active in the journalistic field, being in his earlier years manager of the Morrisburg Herald, then associate editor of the Ottawa Free Press, and later managing director of the Brockville Recorder. He was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1898, and re-elected in 1902 and 1905. In 1904 he became Provincial Secretary in the Ross Government, and in January of 1907 accepted the leadership of the Liberal party in Ontario.

Elected to the House of Commons in 1907, he accepted the portfolio of Minister of Railways and Canals in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government. He suffered defeat in 1911, but was returned to the Commons in a by-election in South Renfrew in 1912, and served until the end of the parliamentary term in 1917. In 1921 he successfully contested the riding of South Essex and was appointed Minister of National Defence in the Government of Mr. Mackenzie King. As Minister of that department he brought about the merging of the militia, naval and air services. At the request of the Prime Minister he returned to the Department of Railways in 1923, and had much