

Hon. Mr. KING: I am making this statement: If my honourable friend, as a responsible member of this Senate, will make a charge of a nature that would indicate there are irregularities requiring investigation, I will endeavour to see that the committee does inquire into it; but not on such evidence as we have here. In his speech the honourable gentleman implies that an officer of the Government offered Mr. Godin \$5, but the correspondence shows it was an officer of the packing house. There is quite a difference between the two. That is what I take exception to, and I am dealing with the Godin case.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: I am glad to learn that and to modify my opinion on the declaration of the honourable leader. That declaration convinces me—

Hon. Mr. KING: It is something to think about.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: —that the matter raised in this debate is serious.

In agreeing to postpone an investigation until next session, as was suggested by honourable members on the other side, I should not wish the Senate to discourage the Government from taking immediate steps to put an end to the abuses which were denounced. The producers should not continue to suffer from the unfair practices they complain of, pending an investigation by the Senate Committee on Agriculture. I would request the Government to make a sincere endeavour to stamp out the abuses which were denounced in the other House by the member for Chambly-Rouville and by myself and others in this House, in order that the producers may feel they are protected. That is what the public interest demands, and what we desire.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Does the honourable gentleman withdraw his motion?

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: If the House unanimously consents?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: May I say that the honourable senator from Rigaud (Hon. Mr. Sauve) stated very plainly that he was willing to let this matter stand over until next session, when in all probability it would be investigated by our Committee on Agriculture or by some other body. But he was not withdrawing his motion; he was satisfied to let it stand.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: That is right.

Hon. Mr. KING: I do not see much difference. If he wishes the motion to stand, it will naturally go off the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: With the unanimous consent of the Senate, the motion stands.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Friday, July 23, 1943.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PRESS REPORTER OF THE SENATE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. WHITE presented the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, as follows:

1. Your Committee have in obedience to the order of reference of the 21st July, instant, considered the second report of the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting, nominating Mr. Georges Langlois to fill temporarily the vacancy on the reporting staff caused by the death of Mr. J. Fortier.

2. Your Committee recommend that the Senate concur in the said report, and that Mr. Langlois be paid at the rate of \$10 per week during the forthcoming recess of Parliament.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall said report be considered and concurred in?

Hon. Mr. WHITE: Now.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Next sitting.

Hon. Mr. KING: I know the hope has been expressed on the other side of Parliament that it may conclude its business to-day, and unless my honourable friend has particular objection, I think it would be better to accept the report now.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I should like to see in writing what has just been read. We have not yet before us what was done yesterday. I should have liked to see that, but I cannot. So I respectfully insist on the rule being complied with.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Would the honourable gentleman agree to have the report considered if the Senate sits after dinner? It is only a question of expediting business.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: May I be permitted to intervene for a moment and say to my honourable friend from Parkdale that the honourable leader of the Government has been good enough to take me into his confidence and tell me there is a fair prospect