

and marvel at the way the right hon. gentleman attends here day after day, week after week, concentrating upon his work, and at the wealth of information which he has drawn upon in connection with many of the important questions that have come before us from time to time. Whether he continues to be leader of the opposition or whether he remains in this house as a private member, I feel sure that to those of us who have been associated with him the work he has done in this chamber in the past will always be worthy of the highest traditions of this parliament. I am sure many of us would exceedingly regret it if the right hon. gentleman should cease to be a member of this chamber, because it is difficult to think of this house without him. However, whether he retains the leadership of his party or whether he becomes a private member of the house, we wish him all good health and happiness.

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (St. Lawrence-St. George): Mr. Speaker, I trust the hon. members who have paid such eloquent tribute to the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) will not leave this chamber this afternoon with an entirely erroneous impression as to his retirement from public service. I have known the leader of the opposition for very many years, ever since, in the autumn of 1890, he commenced his law studies at the Dalhousie School of Law at Halifax. He was then a young man, avid for information. In his second year he received an appointment as assistant law librarian of the law school, in order that he might successfully complete his law studies, as he did in 1893. I have been associated with him more or less closely ever since. He then started out on a great career, with high aspirations for Canada and for the empire of which Canada forms a part. Never throughout his public career has there been any wavering from that high ideal which inspired him when I first heard him delivering addresses in the old Sodales Club of Dalhousie University.

But do not rest under any misapprehension. Though the present leader of the opposition may possibly leave this chamber, he certainly cannot altogether retire from political life, and he will not, I think, cease to exercise a very powerful influence upon the public opinion of this country, and I trust a still more powerful influence upon the public life of the empire of which we form a part.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber His Honour the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

BILLS ASSENTED TO

- An Act for the relief of Frank Roy Hedges.
- An Act for the relief of Jessie Fields Chambers Henry.
- An Act for the relief of Marguerite Oldham Jamieson Macdonald.
- An Act for the relief of Ida Hillman Livermore Woodall.
- An Act for the relief of Gabrielle Rachel Cécile Pelissier de Kermeno de Gouzillon.
- An Act for the relief of Millicent Barbeau Edmondson.
- An Act for the relief of Théodore Charles Grothé.
- An Act for the relief of Stella Maude Lash Dawes.
- An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Dubnitsky, otherwise known as Elizabeth Dubney.
- An Act for the relief of Harry Roth.
- An Act for the relief of Marjorie Ruth Nicholson Lowe.
- An Act for the relief of Anna Vereszczak Finchuk.
- An Act for the relief of Aldège Nault.
- An Act for the relief of Muriel Gladys Jones Roberts.
- An Act for the relief of Virginia Amelia Loomis Wadsworth.
- An Act for the relief of Jennie Erdrich Ettenberg.
- An Act for the relief of Thomas McDade.
- An Act for the relief of Isabel Bovill Clarke.
- An Act for the relief of Bessie Goldberg Katz.
- An Act to amend The Seeds Act, 1937.
- An Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act.
- An Act to amend the Bank of Canada Act.
- An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.
- An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.
- An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain expenditures made and indebtedness incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1938, and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.
- An Act respecting the Franchise of Electors and the Election of Members of the House of Commons.
- An Act to establish a Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada, with authority in respect of transport by railways, ships and aircraft.
- An Act respecting Radio in Canada.
- An Act to assist in the Construction of Houses.
- An Act to amend The Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, 1934.
- An Act to amend The Criminal Code.
- An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1939.