

deavour to perform in days to come. It may be, indeed, that the field of opportunity for review and improvement will be enlarged in these years beyond what it has been in the five years that have gone by.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Not likely.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Be that so or not, it will be the endeavour of us all, whether we are in the majority or in the minority, to make our own conduct a credit to this House and to Parliament.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: It will be our desire that as little of partisanship as possible invade our deliberations. I am sure I am speaking in this respect the mind of all those who sit behind me, and I ask honourable members opposite to let their judgment of our sincerity be governed by results in the next few years.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I intended to follow my right honourable friend this evening, but instead I will act on a suggestion that has been made to me and move the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow afternoon.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 12, 1936.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mr. Buchanan for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members of the Senate, in the Speech from the Throne His Excellency the Governor General has expressed his appreciation of the great honour conferred on him by the King in having chosen him to preside for a time over the destinies of Canada. May I state that we Canadians, who are all the architects of our own fortunes—*les fils de nos œuvres*—and have no aristocratic strain in our blood, are happy in the knowledge that our new

Viceroy, by his training, is very near to ourselves. By his industry in the pursuit of a literary career he has ploughed his own furrow and shed lustre on his name. It is the self-made man—the commoner—whom we delight to welcome.

I desire to express my appreciation of the reference made by the right honourable leader on the other side (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) to the choice made by the Government of the day of the Speaker to preside over our deliberations. The qualities which my right honourable friend found in His Honour's person, and which have been manifest during the several years His Honour has been among us, are qualities which we all recognize. We are confident that he will conduct the proceedings of this Chamber with a full sense of justice to all its members. I join my right honourable friend in congratulating His Honour on his appointment to the Chair.

The mover (Hon. Mr. Buchanan) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Prévost) of the Address have favoured the House with the special knowledge which they have of conditions prevailing in their respective provinces. I knew that the honourable senator from Lethbridge would give us an interesting statement concerning the situation in the West. We who live in the East are always happy to have first-hand information with respect to our compatriots who live beyond the Great Lakes, and he has given us good reason to hope that things will better themselves, not only in the East, but also in the West, of whose local conditions he has intimate knowledge.

My right honourable friend opposite (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) has expressed his appreciation of the speeches delivered by the mover and the seconder. The honourable senator from Mille Isles, who comes from my province, gave us an interesting disquisition, philosophical, and perhaps psychological, on the trends of thought to be found in the two major parties that divide public opinion in this country. He has expressed the view that the designations Liberal and Conservative do not always explain the actual situation; that he had found Liberals who were really Conservative, and Conservatives who were really Liberal. He might perhaps have added that here, as in England, it has happened that the Conservative party at times has been more radical than the Liberal party.

My right honourable friend has welcomed the new senators who were sworn in at the opening of this session. I join with him in that welcome. May I express the hope that the constant procession of departing senators will for a time stop, for I realize that I am nearly at its head myself.