

## THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 20, 1960

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

Prayers.

### NEW SENATOR

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received a certificate from the Acting Secretary of State of Canada showing that the Honourable Henri Courtemanche, P.C., has been summoned to the Senate.

#### NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

**The Hon. the Speaker** having informed the Senate that there was a senator without, waiting to be introduced:

**Hon. Henri Courtemanche, P.C.,** of Mont Laurier, Quebec, (Electoral division, Rougemont) was introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Méthot; presented Her Majesty's writ of summons, which was read by the Clerk Assistant; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk, and was seated.

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that the Honourable Senator Courtemanche had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

### DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, I table the following documents:

Report of the Tariff Board, relative to the investigation ordered by the Minister of Finance, respecting Automatic Record Changers, being Reference No. 123 (part) (English and French texts) dated October 20, 1959, together with transcript of the proceedings (English text).

"Roads to Resources" Agreements entered into between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Provinces of Alberta, dated December 23, 1959; Manitoba, dated December 21, 1959; Ontario, dated December 22, 1959; Nova Scotia, dated December 14, 1959; New Brunswick, dated December 14, 1959; Prince Edward Island, dated December 15, 1959; Newfoundland, dated December 15, 1959. (English text).

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan regarding the construction of a traffic bridge over the North Saskatchewan River at the City of Prince Albert. (English text).

Report on the Administration of Allowances for Disabled Persons in Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1959, pursuant to section 12 of the Disabled Persons Act, Chapter 55, Statutes of 1953-54 and amending Statutes. (English text).

Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada for the fiscal year ended

March 31, 1959, pursuant to section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, Chapter 17, R.S. 1952 and amending Statutes. (English text).

Report of the Department of National Health and Welfare for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1959, pursuant to section 10 of the Department of National Health and Welfare Act, Chapter 74, R.S. 1952. (English and French texts).

Order in Council P.C. 1959-314 of March 19, 1959, authorizing the manner in which fishing bounty may be distributed for the fiscal year 1958-59, and statement setting out how the payments were made, pursuant to section 4 of the Deep Sea Fisheries Act, Chapter 61, R.S. 1952. (English text).

Report of the President and statement of accounts of the Industrial Development Bank for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1959, pursuant to section 29(4) of the Industrial Development Bank Act, Chapter 151, R.S. 1952. (English and French texts).

### CRIMINAL CODE (CAPITAL PUNISHMENT) BILL

#### FIRST READING

**Hon. David A. Croll** presented Bill S-6, to amend the Criminal Code.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Explain.

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** Honourable senators, the purpose of this bill is to abolish capital punishment. This bill is identical with a bill which is now before the other house and which at two other sessions has been talked out there. I feel it is time that Parliament spoke out on this human problem. When the bill is called for second reading I intend to ask that it stand to await progress of the House of Commons bill. If that bill is passed I shall ask permission to withdraw my bill.

Bill read first time.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** Wednesday, February 24.

### DIVORCE

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck** presented the first report of the Standing Committee on Divorce.

Report read by the Clerk Assistant:

1. Your committee recommend that they be granted leave to sit during adjournments of the Senate, and also during sittings of the Senate.

2. Your committee also recommend that they be granted authority to appoint as many subcommittees as deemed necessary for the purpose of considering such divorce matters as may be referred to them by the committee and to set the quorum thereof, the subcommittee in each case to report their findings to the committee.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Tomorrow.