

THE WORK OF THE SENATE
PUBLICATION OF ITS PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I would like to call the attention of this honourable House to a suggestion which I made, but which has not been acted upon. I think we are satisfied that this honourable House is doing good work during each Session, but that work is not made known to the country at large because the newspapers do not give it much notice. I would suggest that the honourable leader of the Government in this House take the trouble to see that a report is made after the Session, a short and very summary report of the work that has been done by this House, so that it may be published. There is no doubt that the newspapers will be glad to publish it, in order to acquaint the public with the work that has been done by this honourable House.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: That is, a summary of the Session's work?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Yes; a very short summary.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Our newspaper reporter is not here to-day at all.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: No; and the people do not at all know the work that has been done by this honourable House. The very good work that is done in Committees does not appear as part of the proceedings, and the only way to make it known is to have somebody who will make a summary report of the work of the Session. It could be put into very small compass, and it would be interesting to the public and would be to the credit of this honourable House.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will confer with His Honour the Speaker and the Clerk of the Senate over this matter, and see what we can do.

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 8 o'clock.

PEACE TREATIES BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill 203, an Act for carrying into effect the Treaties of Peace between His Majesty and Hungary and Turkey.

He said: I was to obtain some information concerning this Bill. The Treaty with

Hungary has been ratified by this Parliament, but not the treaty with Turkey. This Act will enable the Government to pass the necessary Order in Council concerning matters now to be taken up with Hungary, and also to pass an Order in Council when the treaty with Turkey is ratified. This Order in Council will bring into effect the economic clauses of the treaty, so that enemy property in Canada may be liquidated and claims made for damages to property of Canadians taken over by those countries during the war. These claims must be brought before the mixed tribunal in Paris. The Order in Council to which I referred has already been in operation, and been applied to the settlement of claims between Canada and Germany. That Order in Council was drafted by Mr. Mulvey, and Mr. Robinson, K.C.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

An Act for carrying into effect the Treaties of Peace between His Majesty and Hungary and Turkey.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
TREATIES

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the following Treaties, of which copies have been laid before Parliament:

The Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, for the limitation of naval armament which was signed at Washington on the sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-two;

The Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, to protect neutrals and non-combatants at sea in time of war and to prevent the use in war of noxious gases and chemicals, which was signed at Washington on the sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-two;

The Treaty between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, and Portugal, to stabilize conditions in the Far East, which was signed at Washington on the sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-two;

The Treaty between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, and Portugal, relating to the Chinese customs tariff, which was signed at Washington on the sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-two;

The Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, and Japan,