Immigration and Labour

The Honourable Senators Blais, Bourque, Calder, Donnelly, Hushion, McDonald (Shediac), Molloy, Murdock and Roebuck.—9.

Commerce and Trade Relations of Canada

The Honourable Senators Euler, Gouin, Haig, MacDonald (Cardigan), MacLennan, Moraud, Paterson, Riley and Robicheau.—9.

Public Health and Inspection of Foods

The Honourable Senators Blais, Bourque, Howden, Hurtubise, Lacasse, Leger, Molloy, Paquet and Wilson.—9.

Civil Service Administration

The Honourable Senators Copp, Fafard, Gouin, Marcotte, McGeer, McRae, Quinn, Robinson and Wilson.—9.

Public Buildings and Grounds

The Honourable Senators Dessureault, Fallis, Harmer, Lambert, McGuire, Paterson, Sinclair, Smith and Wilson.—9.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. B. Copp, Chairman.

The motion was agreed to, and the report was concurred in.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that House that honourable senators, as named in the report of the Committee of Selection, have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the said Library.

The motion was agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that House that honourable senators, as named in the report of the Committee of Selection, have been appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the Senate during the present session, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the printing of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE RESTAURANT

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that House that honourable senators, as named in the report of the Committee of Selection, have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Restaurant of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the said Restaurant.

HON. SENATOR BALLANTYNE

TRIBUTES ON HIS RETIREMENT AS CONSERVATIVE LEADER IN THE SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, it is with mixed feelings that I desire to refer to information that has reached me regarding the change in leadership of the other side of the House, which change is now indicated by a rearrangement in the seating opposite. I am sure that every honourable member on this side shares with me the keenest regret that the honourable senator from Alma (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne), who for so long has so well carried out the duties of leader, feels it necessary to resign from that very important position. I think, honourable senators, that the official record of his age is belied by his youthful countenance and youthful spirit.

Som Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: For my part, as a junior senator, I have always had the pleasantest possible relations with him. I have experienced at his hands, as have so many others in this House, numerous courtesies. I have the greatest respect for his judgment—a judgment derived from long and intimate association with public affairs. To me it is a matter of the keenest regret that he has felt it necessary to offer his resignation as leader of his party in this Chamber.

A compensating feature, however, is that the members on the other side have seen fit to elect as their leader the honourable senator from Winnipeg (Honourable Mr. Haig), who at the moment graces the chair vacated by the honourable gentleman from Alma (Honourable Mr. Ballantyne). With him, too, I have had the pleasantest relations, which I hope will continue. I am sure that I express on behalf of members on this side of the House our desire to co-operate with him in every way we can and to have a continuation of the cordial relations which we have had with his predecessor.