

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: In Arthabaska. I was there.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Where?

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: At the town hall.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: I never spoke in Arthabaska. That is the only place in the county that I never went into.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: It was in the town of Arthabaska, to be sure.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Anywhere else, but not there.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: I have no brief to defend the honourable gentleman from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand), but you made a speech. You have said that the honourable gentleman from De Lorimier never was elected. Neither was the leader of the Senate nor the Minister of Labour, and many others; and you ran twice in one election and were defeated, that is your record.

I must congratulate the mover and the seconder of the Address. They made non-partisan speeches which were moderate and to the point, and much better than the speech made by the Postmaster General. That, honourable gentlemen, is all I have to say.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: It was not Arthabaska.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Turriff, the debate was adjourned.

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

THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1921.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

Hon. John Stanfield, of Truro, Nova Scotia, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Tanner.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAY LOANS.

INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired of the Government:

1. Has the Grand Trunk Railway or the Canadian National Railways or the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway placed any loan in the United States during the last twelve months.

2. If so, with what firms or persons were these loans placed?

3. Were there any commissions paid or other disbursements of any sort in connection with these loans.

4. If so, to whom were these commissions or other moneys paid?

5. What were the rates of interest?

6. What were the net proceeds of these loans?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Stand.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: There has been a good deal of standing. Is there any excuse for such a plain, easy question standing any longer?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes. I have not yet been furnished with the information. My honourable friend must remember that probably a thousand of these questions have to be answered by the staffs of the different departments. I will get the information for my honourable friend as quickly as possible. I have no doubt that my honourable friend knows all about this matter himself, and why he should ask the Government for this information is beyond me.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: What I say does not always go in this House, and I should like to have official confirmation.

The inquiry was allowed to stand.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of the Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Hon. J. G. TURRIFF: In rising to continue this debate I wish to convey to you, Mr. Speaker, my hearty congratulations on the honour that has lately come to you in being appointed a member of the Imperial Privy Council.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: The Canadian Privy Council.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: That is a greater honour still. I wish to say personally that there is not a man in this House or in the other House that I would rather see so honoured. Ever since I have known you, Mr. Speaker, although I may not altogether agree with you politically, you have been a good man, a man who has had opinions of his own and who has not been afraid to stand by them or express them; and to my mind that in a public man is something very worth while. I hope you may be long spared to wear the honour that has fallen upon your shoulders.