

I am sorry to take up the time of the House with a personal matter in which the House is not specially interested. I felt, however, in view of what had taken place, that unless I did so my silence might be misconstrued.

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

THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 15, 1922.

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

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Hon. J. G. TURRIFF: In rising to continue the debate on the address, I wish, first of all, to extend to you, Mr. Speaker, the most hearty congratulations that you have been selected to preside over this House. Those of us who have sat in the Senate in past years with you know your unflinching attention to duty, your courtesy at all times, and we feel that with you as presiding officer we are in good luck. You are following one of the best Speakers I have ever seen—my old friend the honourable senator from Lauzon (Hon. Mr. Bolduc), and I feel sure that you will follow well in his footsteps.

I wish also, honourable gentlemen, to extend to my honourable friend, the leader of the Government, my congratulations. He has spent many years in the House, and I am sure that with his well known ability he will conduct the affairs of the Senate and of the Government with credit to himself and to the Government he represents.

The mover and seconder of the Address I desire particularly to congratulate, as they were both old colleagues of mine in the House of Commons, with whom I sat for many years, most of the time in absolute harmony; and, after listening to them yesterday I am sure honourable gentlemen will agree that we have received an addition to our debating talent and that they will prove good working members of the Senate.

Since we parted last year there have been considerable changes. As the honourable leader on this side of the House stated yesterday, his party have come from the other side, and our friends opposite who were sitting here have assumed the reins of Government. Perhaps I am the only

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man in the House whose position has not been changed at all. Last Session I was in opposition; and this Session I am still in opposition.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: That is the Irish.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: That is an Irish feeling, perhaps, but I do not happen to be Irish. I hope, honourable gentlemen, that although I am in opposition there may be many measures regarding which I shall be able to render a great deal of support to the Government. However, that does not depend on me at all; that depends absolutely on the Government. If they bring forward measures that are in line with the policy of the Progressive party they will have my sincere support. Likewise, if they bring in legislation along the line of their old policy as outlined in their last convention, and as outlined by the present Prime Minister in the House of Commons, during the last year or two, they certainly will have a great deal of support from the Progressive party. Although the Progressive party have not increased in power or influence in this House, yet they have not lost anything, and they have here a most unanimous party. But in the House of Commons there has been considerable change. In the last Parliament the Progressives had only a handful of members. The general election held in December was the first and only general election in which the Progressives took any part whatever, and they have returned to Parliament about a dozen more members than the old historic Conservative party of Canada.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: The Conservative party was not before the country last time.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I think, honourable gentlemen, that the Progressives have every reason to feel pretty well satisfied with the degree of success that followed their efforts in that line.

While I am on that subject, honourable gentlemen, let me say to my honourable friend, the leader of the Conservative party, that I am very glad to see that they have had the good sense to shorten up their name and drop the word "National," and to retain only the old name of Liberal-Conservative. I think they would have done better still if they had gone one step further and made the name the Conservative party of Canada. Then we would have had three straight parties: the Liberal party, which is represented on