

Canada, the service and sacrifice of Canadians in the war just ended. In the past, the sacrifice of human life in war has most frequently been commemorated in monuments of bronze and stone. Such a memorial our capital already has. My ministers are of the opinion that something more expressive of the vision of a new world order would, at this time, be most appropriate. They believe that this vision would best find expression in the planned development and beautification of the national capital and its surrounding area as a National Memorial. Steps have already been taken to plan the development of the city and region of Ottawa on both sides of the Ottawa River. As plans are formulated, specific proposals will, from time to time, be submitted to Parliament for consideration.

On the recommendation of the Government of Canada, His Majesty the King has been pleased to select Field Marshal the Honourable Sir Harold Alexander as my successor as His representative in Canada. Field Marshal Alexander's duties will not permit of his assumption of office until early in the new year. Meanwhile Her Royal Highness Princess Alice and I will pay a short visit to the United Kingdom, returning to Canada for a brief stay before our official departure.

As you take up your heavy responsibilities in these difficult days of reconstruction, I pray that Almighty God may guide and bless your deliberations. May you be inspired by the vision of the better future for humanity which it is now within the power of the United Nations to create.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

### RAILWAY BILL

#### FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act relating to railways—Hon. Mr. Copp (for Hon. Mr. Robertson).

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

On motion of Hon. Mr. Copp, for Hon. Mr. Robertson, it was ordered that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday evening next.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. COPP moved, for Hon. Mr. Robertson:

That all the senators present during the session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. COPP moved, for Hon. Mr. Robertson:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Haig, Howard, Robertson, Sinclair, White and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, September 11, at 8 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 11, 1945.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### WAR EXPENDITURE AND DEMOBILIZATION APPROPRIATION BILL No. 1

#### FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 3, an Act for granting to His Majesty aid for national defence and demobilization.

The Bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Next sitting.

### APPROPRIATION BILL No. 3.

#### FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 4, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1946.

The Bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Next sitting.

### THE LATE SENATOR JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD

#### TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, before proceeding with the business of the House, I regret very much to have to advise honourable members of the