

## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: As honourable senators will have noted, we may expect the visit of His Honour the Deputy Governor at one o'clock. This would imply that during the interim between now and then the Supply Bill will reach us. So perhaps we should now adjourn during pleasure, to be recalled by the sound of the bell as soon as the Supply Bill is in the hands of our Clerk.

But before we adjourn I should like to mention an incident which occurred last evening when the Penitentiary Bill was before us for second reading. I do so because some of my honourable colleagues may think I was somewhat hasty in asking that the Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole. When the motion was put, I was of course aware of the stand taken by my right honourable friend (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen), but a senator who sits not far from him had told me that no vote would be called. To my remark that the right honourable gentleman had clearly intimated what his stand would be, the reply had been, "Yes, he has expressed his views, but I do not believe a vote will be called." So, with that information, I was hastening the proceedings in order that we might dispose of the Bill, which was quite a voluminous one to go through clause by clause. Probably my informant had not attended caucus and did not know the opinion of his colleagues.

An Hon. SENATOR: Order.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may say that I have reproached some honourable senators who sit opposite with the fact that they had not called me to caucus. I desire now to give this pledge, that I intend, whenever I call the liberal-minded senators to caucus, to invite the old Liberal-Conservatives, as they have heretofore been named. I may draw a line between the Liberal-Conservatives and the Tories, and I would ask my honourable friend the junior member from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) to give me the names of the Tories.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, I want it understood that I had no complaint to make yesterday of the conduct of the honourable leader of the Government.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I thought I should be addressing these remarks to the honourable senator from Vancouver (Hon. Mr. McRae), who was of the opinion that we had been too hasty in going into Committee.

The Hon. the SPEAKER.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I think he misunderstood what took place. I could see no irregularity in it.

While on my feet I want to make it very plain, though, that I had not made up my mind to exercise any authority I may possess, which is very little, to put the Penitentiary Bill to a vote. I just wanted to state my position. When the leader of the Government says there was misinformation as to the decision of a caucus of this side of the House on this subject, he is running down a blind trail. I can assure him we never had a caucus on the subject. The subject was never mentioned.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am glad to hear that.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We do not bother much about caucuses. I fancy the rule is about this, that a caucus is called only when it becomes apparent that honourable gentlemen around me are not able to understand what I am doing. That may occur more frequently than they acknowledge.

I will give my honourable friend a further confidence: we met only once this session, and the only subject discussed was the Transport Bill of the Government, which has been passed.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I am informed that the Supply Bill may be sent over to us by 2 o'clock. I would suggest that the Senate adjourn again during pleasure, with the understanding that we are to be called back as soon as the Bill reaches the Clerk.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed at 3 p.m.

## APPROPRIATION BILL No. 4

## FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 176, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1939.

The Bill was read the first time.

## SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable senators, according to solemn tradition the Supply Bill reaches us in the last hour of the parliamentary