

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. Sinclair (for Hon. Mr. Robertson).

### CONSIDERATION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### MOTION

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

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

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. SINCLAIR (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Ballantyne, Beaubien (Montarville), Buchanan, Copp, Haig, Howard, Robertson, 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, February 4, at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 4, 1947.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, in order to allay the fears of honourable members, who may have

taken the pile of documents before me to be notes of the rambling remarks that I was planning to make in reply to any criticism offered by the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig), I will indicate that they are nothing of the kind, and I would ask the indulgence of the House to be permitted to table this formidable list of documents without naming them individually. The titles of the various documents will of course appear in the *Minutes of Proceedings*.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: May I ask the honourable leader of the government if the documents include all the correspondence between the provinces and the Dominion?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: The first instalment, I think.

The documents were tabled.

### THE LATE SENATOR GREEN TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I regret very much that it is my duty to remind you that since we last met we have lost one of our most esteemed colleagues.

The Honourable Robert Francis Green died on October 5, 1946, at Victoria, British Columbia, after a lengthy illness, at the age of 84. He had been a senator for twenty-five years. Born November 14, 1861, at Peterborough, Ontario, of Irish parentage, his father was Benjamin Green and his mother Rebecca Lipsett. He was educated at public and high school in Peterborough. At the age of nineteen he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and two years later moved west to work for the C.P.R. at Winnipeg. In 1885 he left the C.P.R. to fight in the Northwest Rebellion, serving on the commissariat of General Strange's contingent. After his discharge from the army he opened a general store in Revelstoke, British Columbia, toward the end of 1885. In 1889 he returned briefly to Pennsylvania, to marry Cecelia E. McDannell, daughter of Oliver Perry McDannell of Erie.

His introduction to public life began in Kaslo in 1893, when he was elected first mayor of the town. He was re-elected in 1895 and 1896. In 1898 he was elected to the British Columbia legislature as representative for Slocan and Kaslo riding. In 1903 he became Minister of Lands and Forests in the McBride government, and served in that capacity until 1906. In 1912 he was elected by acclamation to the House of Commons, as member for Kootenay, and in 1917 was re-elected. He was summoned to the Senate in 1921.