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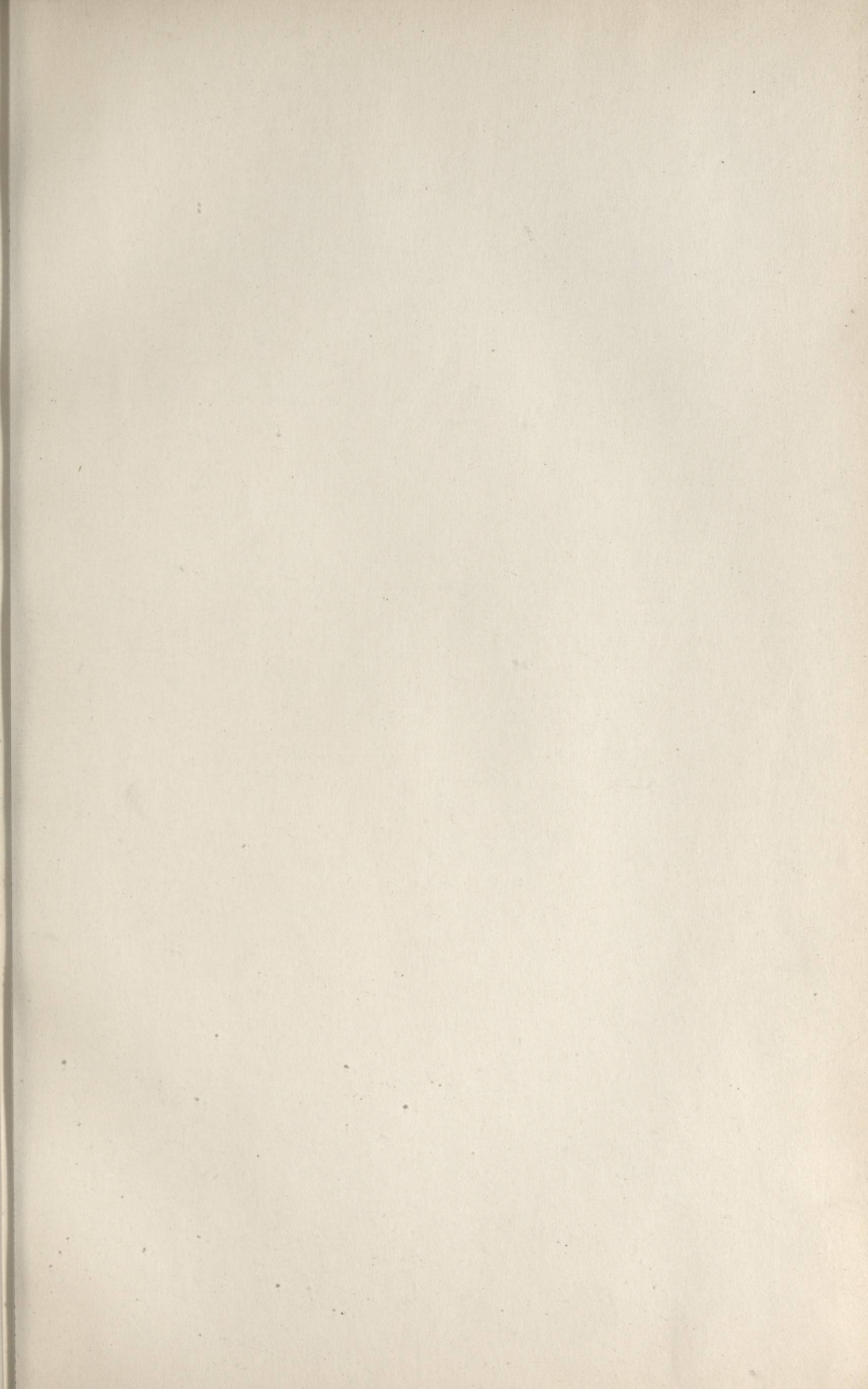
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No. 1

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Thursday, 7th September, 1939

The Senate met this day at half-past two of the clock in the afternoon, being the fifth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of Canada, as summoned by Proclamation.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aylesworth	Fauteux,	MacArthur,	Pope,
(Sir Allen),	Foster,	Macdonald	Prevost,
Ballantyne,	Gillis,	(Richmond-West	Quinn,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Cape Breton),	Rainville,
Beaubien,	Graham,	Macdonald	Rhodes,
Black,	Green,	(Cardigan),	Riley,
Blondin,	Griesbach,	Marcotte,	Robicheau,
Bourgeois,	Haig,	Marshall,	Robinson,
Bourque,	Hardy,	McDonald	Sauvé,
Buchanan,	Harmer,	(Shediac),	Sharpe,
Calder,	Horsey,	McGuire,	Sinclair,
Cantley,	Hugessen,	McLennan,	Smith (Victoria-
Chapais	Hughes,	McMeans,	Carleton),
(Sir Thomas),	Jones,	McRae,	Smith
Copp,	King,	Meighen,	(Wentworth),
Coté,	Lacasse,	Michener,	Sutherland,
Dandurand,	Lambert,	Molloy,	Tanner,
Dennis,	Laird,	Moraud,	Taylor,
Donnelly,	Leger,	Mullins,	Turgeon,
Duff,	L'Espérance,	Murdock,	Webster,
Fallis,	Little,	Paquet,	White,
Farris,	Lynch-Staunton,	Parent,	Wilson (Rockcliffe).

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General stating that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Fifth Session of the Dominion Parliament this day at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated on the Throne,—

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—

It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Fifth Session of the eighteenth Parliament by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

As you are only too well aware, all efforts to maintain the peace of Europe have failed. The United Kingdom, in honouring pledges given as a means of avoiding hostilities, has become engaged in war with Germany. You have been summoned at the earliest moment in order that the Government may seek authority for the measures necessary for the defence of Canada, and for co-operation in the determined effort which is being made to resist further aggression, and to prevent the appeal to force instead of to pacific means in the settlement of international disputes. Already the Militia, the Naval Service and the Air Force have been placed on active service, and certain other provisions have been made for the defence of our coasts and our internal security under the War Measures Act and other existing authority. Proposals for further effective action by Canada will be laid before you without delay.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to consider estimates to provide for expenditure which has been or may be caused by the state of war which now exists.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I need not speak of the extreme gravity of this hour. There can have been few, if any, more critical in the history of the world. The people of Canada are facing the crisis with the same fortitude that to-day supports the peoples of the United Kingdom and other of the nations of the British Commonwealth.

My Ministers are convinced that Canada is prepared to unite in a national effort to defend to the utmost liberties and institutions which are a common heritage.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand laid on the Table:—

Copies of Documents relating to the outbreak of war, September, 1939. (English and French editions.)

(a) Communications exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the German Reich, between the 22nd of August and the 3rd of September, 1939, together with statements made in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

(b) Communications addressed by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Heads of certain European States in August, 1939, and replies thereto.

Also,—Copy of emergent Orders in Council passed from August 25th, 1939, to September 6th, 1939, bearing on the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, as follows:—

Orders in Council P.C. Nos.:—

2389—*Re* Issue of Special Warrant for \$8,918,930 for expenditures for Naval Service, Militia Service and Air Service.

2396—Regulations *re* calling out Militia under Section 63 of the Militia Act.

2397—*Re* Purchase of aircraft, spares and accessories up to \$7,500,000.

2412—*Re* Control of Shipping.

2413—*Re* Warrant for \$1,453,000 making provision for thirty days for Militia personnel, transportation, rations, engineer services and purchase of stores.

2434—*Re* Approval of Financial Regulations and Instructions for the Canadian Field Force covering pay and allowances, etc.

2441—*Re* Employment of parts and personnel of the Auxiliary Active Air Force and the Reserve Air Force.

2471—Warrant of \$150,000 *re* Air Raid Precautions.

2474—Constitution of sub-Committees of Council.

2475—Warrant for \$536,600 to cover expenses in connection with transfer of units of the Royal Canadian Air Force to East Coast and calling out for training of Auxiliary Air force, for a period of thirty days.

2476—Proclamation *re* meeting of Parliament on September 7, 1939.

2477—*Re* Proclamation concerning existence of apprehended war.

2478—Placing on active service the Reserve Naval Forces of Canada.

2479—Placing on active service the Permanent Naval Forces.

- 2480—*Re* Warrant for \$5,345,590 to bring up the Permanent Active Air Force to full peace establishment.
- 2481—Establishment of Censorship Regulations.
- 2482—Placing Active Militia on war establishment.
- 2483—Establishing the Defence of Canada Regulations.
- 2484—*Re* Engagement of ex-members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 2485—Appointment of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Registrar General of Alien Enemies.
- 2489—Constitution of Prize Courts.
- 2491—Regulation regarding Pensions.
- 2495—Warrant for \$50,000 to cover employment of extra civilian personnel for emergency duty.
- 2496—*Re* Censorship in respect of cable, radio, telegraph and telephone companies or circulation of prohibited matter.
- 2498—*Re* Expression "Canadian Active Service Force" to be used instead of "Canadian Field Force."
- 2499—Censorship Regulations, 1939.
- 2500—*Re* Calling out of Units, Formations and Detachments of the Auxiliary Active Air Force.
- 2504—Application by the Government of the United Kingdom of the War Risks Insurance Scheme to British ships registered in Canada.
- 2506—*Re* Postal Censorship.
- 2507—Placing on active service Depots of Corps of the Active Militia.
- 2511—Authorization to call out Officers and Airmen of the Reserve Air Force as required.
- 2513—Setting up the Censorship Co-ordination Committee.
- 2514—*Re* Members of the Naval Forces, the Militia or The Royal Canadian Air Force, being retained as Civil Servants, if required by their Departments.
- 2515—Appointment of Walter S. Thompson as Chairman of The Censorship Co-ordination Committee.
- 2516—Establishment of regulations concerning prices of food, fuel and other necessaries of life.
- 2520—Appointment of the War-time Prices and Trade Board.
- 2521—Internment of enemy aliens.
- 2524—Control of Shipping.
- 2525—Employees of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, National Harbours Board, Canadian National Steamships, Trans-Canada Air Lines, Railway and Telegraph Companies.—To be retained as Civil Servants, if deemed necessary by the Departmental Heads.
- 2532—Calling out for active service certain Units, Formations and Detachments of the Auxiliary Active Air Force.
- 2533—Transfer of certain Canadian Government ships to Naval Service. Non-application of Government Vessels Discipline Act.
- 2548—Constitution of "Dependents Allowance Board."
- 2549—Appointment of cable and trans-oceanic Radio Censorship personnel, with remuneration rates.
- 2562—Censorship Regulations—application of same in regard to circulation of prohibited matter and press censorship.
- 2563—Censorship Regulations—application of same in regard to the operations, offices, works or property of radiotelegraph or radiotelephone station, radio broadcasting station or any other class of radio station.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion of the Honourable Senator Dandurand, it was—

Ordered, That all the Senators present during this 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 Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 8th September, 1939

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Friday, 8th September, 1939

No. 1.

7th September—Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the fifth Session of the eighteenth Parliament.—(Honourable Senator Lambert.)

No. 2

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Friday, 8th September, 1939

3 p.m.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aylesworth	Fauteux,	MacArthur,	Pope,
(Sir Allen),	Foster,	Macdonald	Prevost,
Ballantyne,	Gillis,	(Richmond-West	Quinn,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Cape Breton),	Rainville,
Beaubien,	Graham,	Macdonald	Rhodes,
Black,	Green,	(Cardigan),	Riley,
Blondin,	Griesbach,	Marcotte,	Robicheau,
Bourgeois,	Haig,	Marshall,	Robinson,
Bourque,	Hardy,	McDonald	Sauvé,
Buchanan,	Harmer,	(Shediac),	Sharpe,
Calder,	Horsey,	McGuire,	Sinclair,
Cantley,	Hugessen,	McLennan,	Smith (Victoria-
Chapais	Hughes,	McMeans,	Carleton),
(Sir Thomas),	Jones,	McRae,	Smith
Copp,	King,	Meighen,	(Wentworth),
Coté,	Lacasse,	Michener,	Sutherland,
Dandurand,	Lambert,	Molloy,	Tanner,
Dennis,	Laird,	Moraud,	Taylor,
Donnelly,	Leger,	Mullins,	Turgeon,
Duff,	L'Espérance,	Murdock,	Webster,
Fallis,	Little,	Paquet,	White,
Farris,	Lynch-Staunton,	Parent,	Wilson (Rockcliffe).

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being called for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament,

It was Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until the next sitting of the Senate.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, 9th September, 1939

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Saturday, 9th September, 1939

No. 1.

7th September—Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the fifth Session of the eighteenth Parliament.—(Honourable Senator Lambert.)

No. 3

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Saturday, 9th September, 1939

3 p.m.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aylesworth	Fauteux,	Macdonald	Prevost,
(Sir Allen),	Foster,	(Richmond-West	Quinn,
Ballantyne,	Gordon,	Cape Breton),	Rainville,
Barnard,	Graham,	Macdonald	Rhodes,
Beaubien,	Green,	(Cardigan),	Riley,
Black,	Griesbach,	Marcotte,	Robicheau,
Blondin,	Haig,	Marshall,	Robinson,
Bourgeois,	Harmer,	McDonald	Sauvé,
Bourque,	Horner,	(Shediac),	Sharpe,
Buchanan,	Horsey,	McLennan,	Sinclair,
Calder,	Hugessen,	McMeans,	Smith (Victoria-
Cantley,	Hughes,	McRae,	Carleton),
Chapais	Jones,	Meighen,	Smith
(Sir Thomas),	King,	Michener,	(Wentworth),
Copp,	Lacasse,	Molloy,	Sutherland,
Coté,	Lambert,	Moraud,	Tanner,
Dandurand,	Laird,	Mullins,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Leger,	Murdock,	Turgeon,
Donnelly,	L'Espérance,	Paquet,	Webster,
Duff,	Little,	Parent,	White,
Fallis,	MacArthur,	Pope,	Wilson
Farris,			(Rockcliffe).

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand read the following statement made by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister:—

“I should like to make clear to the House the procedure which the Government have in mind as to giving effect to the decision of Parliament regarding Canadian participation in the war.

The adoption of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will be considered as approving not only the Speech from the Throne, but approving the Government's policy which I set out yesterday, of immediate participation in the war.

If the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne is approved, the Government will therefore immediately take steps for the issue of a formal proclamation declaring the existence of a state of war between Canada and the German Reich.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament:—

The Honourable Senator Lambert moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Prevost:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

After debate, and—

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion, it was resolved in the affirmative, and—

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Honourable the Privy Council.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Monday, next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 11th September, 1939

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Monday, 11th September, 1939

No. 4

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Monday, 11th September, 1939

8 p.m.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aylesworth (Sir Allen),	Fauteux,	Macdonald (Richmond-West Cape Breton),	Quinn, Rainville,
Ballantyne,	Foster,	Macdonald (Cardigan),	Rhodes,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Marcotte,	Riley,
Black,	Graham,	Marshall,	Robicheau,
Blondin,	Green,	McDonald (Shediac),	Robinson,
Bourgeois,	Griesbach,	McGuire,	Sauvé,
Bourque,	Haig,	McLennan,	Sharpe,
Buchanan,	Hardy,	McRae,	Sinclair,
Calder,	Harmer,	Michener,	Smith (Victoria- Carleton),
Cantley,	Hugessen,	Molloy,	Smith (Wentworth),
Chapais (Sir Thomas),	Hughes,	Moraud,	Sutherland,
Copp,	Jones,	Mullins,	Tanner,
Coté,	King,	Murdock,	Taylor,
Dandurand,	Lambert,	Paquet,	Turgeon,
Donnelly,	Laird,	Pope,	Webster,
Duff,	Leger,	Prevost,	White,
Fallis,	L'Espérance,		Wilson (Rockcliffe).
Farris,	Little,		
	Lynch-Staunton,		
	MacArthur,		

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand laid on the Table:—

Copies of further emergency Orders in Council, as follows:—

P.C. No. 2512, dated 5th September, 1939, regulating Trading with the Enemy and the Treatment of Enemy Property.

P.C. No. 2580, dated 7th September, 1939. Appointment of Mr. Oswald Mayrand as Member of Censorship Co-ordination Committee.

P.C. No. 2581, dated 7th September, 1939. Franking of Correspondence for Censorship Co-ordination Committee.

P.C. No. 2584, dated 7th September, 1939. Provision for Members of Public Service who have been and may be called into Active Service.

P.C. No. 2586, dated 8th September, 1939. Further Regulations *re* Trading with the Enemy.

P.C. No. 2590, dated 8th September, 1939. Amendment to Regulations providing for the Transfer of Aircraft registered in Canada.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (4), intituled: "An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security."

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second and third times.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th September, 1939

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Tuesday, 12th September, 1939

No. 5

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

Tuesday, 12th September, 1939

3 p.m.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aseltine,	Foster,	Macdonald	Pope;
Aylesworth	Gordon,	(Richmond-West	Prevost,
(Sir Allen),	Graham,	Cape Breton),	Quinn,
Ballantyne,	Green,	Macdonald	Rainville,
Barnard,	Griesbach,	(Cardigan),	Rhodes,
Black,	Haig,	Marcotte,	Riley,
Blondin,	Hardy,	Marshall,	Robicheau,
Bourgeois,	Harmer,	McDonald	Robinson,
Bourque,	Horsey,	(Shediac),	Sauvé,
Buchanan,	Hugessen,	McGuire,	Sharpe,
Calder,	Hughes,	McLennan,	Sinclair,
Cantley,	Jones,	McMeans,	Smith (Victoria-
Chapais	King,	McRae,	Carleton),
(Sir Thomas),	Lacasse,	Meighen,	Smith
Copp,	Lambert,	Michener,	(Wentworth),
Coté,	Laird,	Molloy,	Sutherland,
Dandurand,	Leger,	Moraud,	Tanner,
Donnelly,	L'Espérance,	Mullins,	Taylor,
Duff,	Little,	Murdock,	Turgeon,
Fallis,	Lynch-Staunton,	Paquet,	Webster,
Farris,	MacArthur,	Parent,	White,
Fauteux,			Wilson (Rockcliffe).

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (2), intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second and third times.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed.

It being six o'clock, the Honourable the Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at half-past seven o'clock.

7.30 p.m.

The Senate resumed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (6), intituled: "An Act to amend the Customs Tariff," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second and third times.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (7), intituled: "An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second and third times.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (8), intituled: "An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (9), intituled: "An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (5), intituled: "An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (10), intituled: "An Act to amend the Salaries Act," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (11), intituled: "An Act relating to War Charities," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time,

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the second time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill (12), intituled: "The Excess Profits Tax Act," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said Bill was read the first time, and—

Ordered, That it be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The Senate adjourned.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13th September, 1939

Presentation of Petitions

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

For Wednesday, 13th September, 1939

No. 1.

12th September—Third Reading (Bill 8), intituled: "An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act."—(Honourable Senator Dandurand.)

No. 2.

12th September—Third Reading (Bill 9), intituled: "An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act."—(Honourable Senator Dandurand.)

No. 3.

12th September—Third Reading (Bill 11), intituled: "An Act relating to War Charities."—(Honourable Senator Dandurand.)

No. 4.

12th September—Resuming the debate on Second Reading (Bill 5), intituled: "An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply."—(Honourable Senator Black.)

No. 5.

12th September—Second Reading (Bill 10), intituled: "An Act to amend the Salaries Act."—(Honourable Senator Dandurand.)

No. 6.

12th September—Second Reading (Bill 12), intituled: "The Excess Profits Tax Act."—(Honourable Senator Dandurand.)

No. 6

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF CANADA

 Wednesday, 13th September, 1939

10.30 a.m.

The Honourable W. E. FOSTER, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aseltine,	Fauteux,	Macdonald	Prevost,
Aylesworth	Foster,	(Richmond-West	Quinn,
(Sir Allen),	Gillis,	Cape Breton),	Rainville,
Ballantyne,	Gordon,	Macdonald	Rhodes,
Barnard,	Graham,	(Cardigan),	Riley,
Beaubien,	Green,	Marcotte,	Robicheau,
Black,	Griesbach,	Marshall,	Robinson,
Blondin,	Haig,	McDonald	Sauvé,
Bourgeois,	Harmer,	(Shediac),	Sharpe,
Bourque,	Horsey,	McGuire,	Sinclair,
Buchanan,	Hugessen,	McLennan,	Smith (Victoria-
Calder,	Hughes,	McMeans,	Carleton),
Cantley,	Jones,	McRae,	Smith
Chapais	King,	Meighen,	(Wentworth),
(Sir Thomas),	Lacasse,	Michener,	Sutherland,
Copp,	Lambert,	Molloy,	Tanner,
Coté,	Laird,	Moraud,	Taylor,
Dandurand,	Leger,	Mullins,	Turgeon,
Donnelly,	L'Espérance,	Murdock,	Webster,
Duff,	Little,	Paquet,	White,
Fallis,	Lynch-Staunton,	Parent,	Wilson
Farris,	MacArthur,	Pope,	(Rockcliffe).

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand laid on the Table:—

Copies of further emergency Orders in Council, as follows:—

- P.C. No. 2588, dated 9th September, 1939—Appointment of Lt. Col. Henri Desrosiers and Lt. Col. K. S. MacLachan as Associate Acting Deputy Ministers of National Defence.
- P.C. No. 2595, dated 9th September, 1939—Placing all Officers and Ratings of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve on Active Service.
- P.C. No. 2596, dated 9th September, 1939—Waiving of maximum age limits for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- P.C. No. 2620, dated 9th September, 1939—Setting up War Services Officers Bureau under Public Information Committee.
- P.C. No. 2621, dated 9th September, 1939—Establishment of Agricultural Supplies Committee.
- P.C. No. 2622, dated 9th September, 1939—Naming members of Agricultural Supplies Committee.
- P.C. No. 2625, dated 9th September, 1939—Amending The War-time Prices and Trade Board Regulations and appointing further members of the Board.
- P.C. No. 2626, dated 10th September, 1939—Authorization of Proclamation that a state of war exists between Canada and the German Reich, as and from September 10th.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (8), intituled: "An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved, in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (9), intituled: "An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved, in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (11), intituled: "An Act relating to War Charities," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved, in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (5), intituled: "An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply," was read the second time.

With leave of the Senate, it was—

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole presently.

The Senate was, accordingly, adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

(In the Committee)

After some time the Senate was resumed, and—

The Honourable Senator Robinson, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the Senate, without any amendment.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (10), intituled: "An Act to amend the Salaries Act," was read the second time.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (12) intituled: "The Excess Profits Tax Act," was read the second time.

With leave of the Senate, it was—

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole presently.

The Senate was, accordingly, adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

(In the Committee)

After some time the Senate was resumed, and—

The Honourable Senator Copp, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the Senate, without any amendment.

With leave of the Senate,

The said Bill was then read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved, in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretatry to His Excellency the Governor General.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 13th September, 1939.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 1.15 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. PEREIRA,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—

“It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.”

The House of Commons being come,

The Clerk read the titles of the Bills to be assented to, as follows:—

An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934.

An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply.

An Act to amend the Salaries Act.

An Act relating to War Charities.

The Excess Profits Tax Act.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.”

The Honourable the Speaker of the Commons then addressed His Excellency the Governor General, as follows:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

“In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

“An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.”

After the Clerk had read the title of this Bill.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you in the name of His Majesty the King for the manner in which you have responded to the demands of this critical time. In enacting measures necessary for the defence of Canada you have performed a primary national obligation. In providing voluntarily for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain and France in a war to resist aggression, you have made a momentous decision. The promptness with which you have acted affords unmistakable evidence of the ability of a free people, through its representatives in a free Parliament, to meet the grave emergencies of war.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the appropriation you have made to meet the needs arising from the state of war.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The people of Canada will, I know, face the future with calm and resolute courage. The days of stress and strain, which lie ahead, cannot fail to prove a supreme test of national determination and endurance.

In bringing this special war session to its close, I pray that an all-wise Providence may guard and guide this land, united in an effort to do what lies within its power to help defend and preserve the liberties of mankind.

The Honourable the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the twenty-third day of October, next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the twenty-third day of October, next.

