

us during the dark days of the battle of Britain. I ask that the right hon. gentleman be assured also of the understanding and sympathy of at least that portion of the Canadian people represented by this group, in the great responsibilities developing upon him and upon his colleagues at this time.

I trust that, in complete and unselfish support, Canada will stand with Britain in the years to come in the attempt to find solutions for the wide problems that now confront us. I trust that the Prime Minister and his colleagues will enjoy continued health and vigour, so that they may successfully meet the challenge to their powers. May I also express the hope that through divine guidance they may enter upon the secure road to enduring peace. Finally, let me express, on behalf of my group, the sincere hope that their journey homeward may be pleasing, and that it may not be long before we again welcome them to Canada.

Hon. LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I wish to say a few words in French to endorse the remarks of the hon. members who have spoken before me, in order to tender our thanks to the Right Honourable Mr. Attlee. I especially desire to say how grateful we are that he should have emphasized the bilingual character of this house by using the language of our forefathers for a part of his speech.

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster): The motion just made in the name of the Prime Minister is that the speech delivered by the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Mr. Attlee, be included in the House of Commons Debates. I trust that this includes the speech made by our own Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the speeches delivered by the Speakers of the two houses.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I believe that has been the custom on previous occasions, Mr. Speaker, but perhaps, by gracious consent of the house, you might direct that the speech of introduction delivered by the Prime Minister of Canada and the speeches delivered by the Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Commons be included.

Mr. BRACKEN: The suggestion made by the hon. member for New Westminster meets with our entire approval.

Motion agreed to.

(For text of address of Prime Minister Attlee, with speeches of welcome and thanks, see page 2275).

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STANDING ORDERS

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT

Mr. MATTHEW MacLEAN (Cape Breton North-Victoria) moved that the first report of the standing committee on standing orders, presented on November 16, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS"—STORES ASSISTANTS

Mr. McLURE:

1. How many stores assistants are at H.M.C.S. *Cornwallis* naval station, Deep Brook, Nova Scotia?

2. How many stores assistants from the *Cornwallis* have been granted discharges or releases since the cessation of hostilities?

3. Are stores assistants being refused releases? If so, on what grounds?

4. How many R.C.N. trainees are being given field and small arms training there at the present time?

Mr. MACDONALD (Halifax):

1. Seventy-one.

2. Forty-seven.

3. With one exception, up to the present, no stores assistants have been refused release. This one exception was the case of a rating who came on active service in 1944 and whose discharge was queried to R.C.N. depot in view of his low priority and the number of ratings borne having much higher priority. On instructions from the R.C.N. depot this rating has now been released.

4. 339 undergoing new entry training which includes field and small arms training.

SWIFT CURRENT, SASK., AIR TRAINING SCHOOL

Mr. BENTLEY:

1. Has the air training school at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, been declared surplus by the Department of National Defence for Air?

2. Has any application for the purchase of the site, buildings, equipment and/or other materials of the Swift Current air training school been received by the government or by War Assets Corporation?

Mr. ABBOTT:

1. Two portions only of this property have been declared surplus as follows:

(a) The aerodrome and two buildings (watch office, No. 32 and W.T. station, No. 44) as of 17th May, 1945. This portion was subsequently transferred to the Department of Transport.