

Constitutional Conference

Duties Act. The functions of the Minister of Transport under the Government Employees Compensation Act, 1947, were transferred to the Minister of Labour. The control and supervision of the government employees compensation branch of the Department of Transport were transferred to the Department of Labour. It was felt that the functions to be performed in connection with the service were somewhat similar to the functions that were being performed by the Department of Labour in connection with unemployment insurance and like services. It would therefore be more convenient to have those services administered by that department.

The duties and functions of the Minister of Finance under the act respecting the national battlefields at Quebec and amendments thereto were transferred to the Minister of Resources and Development. They are functions similar to those the department has to exercise in connection with national parks in other parts of the country, and it was felt it would be conducive to the expeditious handling of business, as well as more economical administration, to have the minister charged with the administration of other national parks entrusted with the responsibility for the operation of the battlefields commission at Quebec.

I table the orders in council relating to these transfers.

REPORTS AND PAPERS**CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE—DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to table two copies in English and two copies in French of the proceedings of the constitutional conference between the federal and provincial governments, January 10-12, 1950.

There are also copies in English and in French of the further correspondence between the Prime Minister and the premiers of the provinces respecting the constitutional conference, January 10, 1950, and the proposed general conference to be held in the autumn of this year. The previous letters dealing with these matters were printed as appendices to *Hansard*. If it be the desire of hon. members to have these letters appear as an appendix to today's *Hansard*, I might ask Your Honour to make that order.

There are also copies in English and in French of the correspondence which took place last summer with Premier Campbell of Manitoba and Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan on the subject of dominion-provincial relations. Since there have been so many of these letters published, I thought it

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might be the desire of hon. members to have all the correspondence that has taken place in that connection made available. Perhaps hon. members would wish also to have these letters printed as an appendix to *Hansard* of today.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house that these documents should be printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

(For text of correspondence, see Appendix, pages 13 to 21.)

ORDERS IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF SUMMARY—DECEMBER 1, 1949, TO JANUARY 31, 1950

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to table two copies of the summary of orders in council passed during the period December 1, 1949, to January 31, 1950. A previous summary of these orders in council was tabled on December 9. This is a summary of all the orders in council passed since the previous summary, and up to the end of January.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Fournier (Hull), Claxton, Casselman, Knowles and Weir.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, the Honourable D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable F. G. Bradley, Secretary of State of Canada, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

SUPPLY**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That this house will on Friday next resolve itself into a committee to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.