

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 10, 1962

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STANDING ORDERS—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Miss Margaret Aitken (York-Humber) presented the first report of the standing committee on standing orders, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PROCEDURE—FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: May I inform the house that the committee on procedure has its first report in the course of preparation, in English and in French. I had hoped to be able to present it to the house now. If it should be ready in the course of the afternoon, would the house permit me to present it when it is ready?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to present in English and French the unanimous first report of the special committee appointed to consider with Mr. Speaker the procedure of the house. This is done pursuant to leave given earlier today. The report will be printed in *Votes and Proceedings*.

TRADE

WHEAT—TABLING OF TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture): I wish to table the text of the 1962 international wheat agreement in its original version, which is in English. I am also tabling a French translation. For the convenience of hon. members I ask leave to have the text of the agreement published as an appendix to today's *Hansard*. Following the usual practice, both houses of parliament will be asked to approve by resolution Canada's ratification of the agreement.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister leave to table the document tendered just now?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: And has the minister leave to have it printed as an appendix to *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: For text of document referred to above, see appendix to *Hansard* for Wednesday, April 11, 1962.]

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: May I have leave to present a further problem. The Minister of Agriculture presented today, and got leave of the house to have printed as a schedule to *Hansard*, a very lengthy document. *Hansard* today will be lengthy enough without the addition of a further 50 pages and, subject to the approval of the house, I have taken the liberty of having this document printed as an appendix to tomorrow's *Hansard* rather than today's. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PUBLIC SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION— APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF CANADIAN SECTION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as the house is aware there is a vacancy on the international joint commission. I wish to announce that the governor in council has today appointed Mr. Arnold D. P. Heeney, presently our ambassador to the United States, to that position. His appointment becomes effective on the 15th of this month.

Mr. Heeney will remain for a few days as ambassador in Washington before returning to Ottawa. Naturally I am very pleased that Mr. Heeney has accepted this position. The house is fully aware of his distinguished record and qualifications. As a student and teacher of international legal matters, as one time secretary to the cabinet, as former under secretary of state for external affairs and as ambassador to the United States, he has for many years been concerned with those matters which will come under his interest and consideration in this new position.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I am sure the house will have heard with some interest the announcement which the Prime Minister has made. This announcement gives us on this side of the house an opportunity to pay tribute to the work that