

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, January 11, 1974

The House met at 11 a.m.

[English]

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

TRIBUTE TO FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege to salute this special day, January 11, which, although not a national holiday despite the eloquent representations of my colleague, the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie), deserves very special recognition from members on all sides of this House and, indeed, all Canadians.

January 11 is the birthday of our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): —the man who gave Canada its first national policy, the man whose vision encompassed a country extending from sea to sea. We do well to remember the extravagantly generous, even profligate, expenditure of his time and talents as a parliamentarian and as a great nationalist in order to see his dream fulfilled.

One of the fascinating things about this day, Mr. Speaker, is that the enduring powers of persuasion of Sir John A. Macdonald are still so great in influencing others to follow the art of politics. It is no mere coincidence, Sir, that in this present House six members share January 11 with Sir John A. as their birth dates: the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell), the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), the hon. member for Lafontaine (Mr. Lachance), the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Lundrigan), the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie) and the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon). I am sure we all join in wishing them well on this special day.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PASSAGE OF NATIONAL PARKS BILL BEFORE RECESS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The urgency arose yesterday with the indication that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern

Development may not proceed this session with Bill S-4, which has been reported out of committee and which would establish eight new national parks. If the House gives unanimous consent to this motion, we would agree that there should be no debate on the motion or the bill. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That this House give unanimous consent to proceeding today with all remaining stages of Bill S-4, immediately upon the final disposition of Bill C-236.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43 the hon. member's motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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INDUSTRY

PROPOSED CLOSING OF HAWKER SIDDELEY FORGING
OPERATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Hawker Siddeley plant at Trenton, Nova Scotia, intends to close its heavy forging and machining facilities, the largest of their kind in Canada, and the fact that this could do serious harm to the economy of the Maritimes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, to force Hawker Siddeley to keep the forging and machining facilities in operation.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.