

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 29, 1962

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF ISRAEL MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. Speaker: Before commencing our proceedings this afternoon I crave the indulgence of the house to draw to the attention of hon. members the presence in the Speaker's gallery of a very distinguished visitor to Canada. I am referring to Hon. Mrs. Golda Meir, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Israel. Mrs. Meir arrived yesterday in the course of a three day visit to Canada. I am sure that I am making myself the interpreter of all of us in the house when I extend to her our most courteous welcome and best wishes for a pleasant sojourn in Canada. I note with satisfaction that this week the weather in Ottawa is very acceptable.

May I, in addition, extend to her on your behalf our most sincere and heartfelt good wishes not only for herself but for her government and the people of her country.

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We extend to Mrs. Meir our most courteous welcome on the occasion of her three day visit to Canada. May I, in addition, extend to her on your behalf a personal welcome and our most sincere and heartfelt good wishes, not only for herself, but for her government and the people of her country.

(Text):

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Government House,
Ottawa, November 29, 1962

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate

chamber today, the 29th November, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Cherrier

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

(Translation):

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Georges Valade (St. Mary) presented the first report of the standing committee on privileges and elections and moved that the report be concurred in.

M. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, before the motion is put I would ask that the report be read in accordance with the usual practice.

Mr. Speaker: This will be done.

And the Clerk Assistant having read the report:

Motion agreed to.

(Text):

PUBLIC SERVICE

ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT—STATEMENT OF
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, reference was made yesterday to the fact that today I would place before the house the views of the government in respect of the first two volumes of the Glassco report. I now do so. Only the other day we received the second volume, which contains reports numbered 5 to 11. An earlier volume, the first, was received and published in September before parliament opened. It is our expectation that three more volumes will be forthcoming within the next two or three months.

I want to say at once that on the basis of the volumes already issued, Mr. Glassco and his colleagues, Mr. Therien and Mr. Sellar, deserved thanks for the thorough and constructive job they have been doing. Impressed with the room for improvement in administration which the commissioners and their staff have found in various parts of the public service, I may say at once that the government intends to see that improvements are made both in organization and in management.