

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 10, 1948

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

MR. KNOWLES—NOTICE FROM KING'S PRINTER
WITH REGARD TO REPRINTS OF MEMBERS'
SPEECHES

Mr. STANLEY KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege affecting the rights and privileges of members of this house. I shall be as brief as I can, without any detail. Last year, on July 14, the joint committee on printing presented its second report to this house. I refer to the report having to do with *Hansard* reprints. Concurrence in that report was not moved; consequently it was not approved by the house. Recently, however, hon. members have received from the king's printer a statement with respect to *Hansard* reprints, increasing the price and also decreeing that the recommendations of the report, which we have never approved, are now in effect. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that that is a breach of the rights and privileges of hon. members, and that either the Secretary of State or Your Honour should look into the matter.

MR. CRUICKSHANK—PRESS NOTICE OF SNOW
IN VANCOUVER

Mr. G. A. CRUICKSHANK (Fraser Valley): On a question of privilege, sir, I may not be quite as brief as the previous speaker, because we have had considerable publicity lately in Edmonton and elsewhere about the freedom of the press. An insult to the province of British Columbia and particularly to my riding has been published in the papers. I shall just read it:

Schools were closed in Vancouver, on Vancouver island and in the Fraser valley . . .

On account of snow. Mr. Speaker, I received a flower from my garden this morning.

MR. MITCHELL—EXPLANATION OF REMARK MADE
IN DEBATE ON FEBRUARY 9

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, yesterday I made a remark during

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the course of the address by the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) which gave an impression quite contrary to what I believe. I was quoted as saying "That is not the story in the trades congress, and the hon. member knows it as well as I do". The hon. member for Cape Breton South had been talking about profits, prices and wage control and then of labour organizations being willing to co-operate with the government and myself and my remark made it clear that I discounted this. What I had in mind when I spoke was the stand of organized labour on wage control—that they were against it. I was not thinking about co-operation, which I must say now has been forthcoming at all times from labour organizations and which has helped greatly in better industrial relations generally. Because of the misapprehension, hon. members will note that I deleted the word "not" from the typewritten report of my remarks recorded on page 989 of *Hansard*. I thought I should make this statement in explanation.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Prime Minister what work he intends to proceed with if the motion before the house is disposed of this afternoon?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): We shall continue with the debate on the emergency measure today, and tomorrow and on Thursday the debate on the address, and on Friday we shall return to the emergency measure.

Mr. KNOWLES: By "emergency measure" the Prime Minister means Bill No. 3?

[Later:]

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I supplement what I have said with reference to continuing on Friday with the emergency measures? I have since been informed by the Minister of Finance that he may wish to ask the house to take some other measure on Friday than the emergency measure, and in that event we will try to arrange, between now and Thursday night, what will best suit hon. members.