

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO LEADER OF OPPOSITION ON ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTHDAY

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure that all hon. members will want me to wish the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) a happy birthday and many happy returns.

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to say, on behalf of all those who sit on this side of the house, that the sentiments you have expressed are those of each and every one of us. We frequently have exchanges and even clashes of ideas on all that concerns the public service of the country, but I am sure that those are always the result of the honest endeavour of each and every one of us to discharge to the best of his ability the responsibilities placed upon him by his fellow citizens. I think those clashes strengthen rather than lessen our respect for each other and our rejoicing on an occasion like this in the opportunity to express good wishes to each other. I can assure the hon. gentleman that those I express for the members who sit in this house are sincere. We wish him a long and happy life and many more years of public service to his fellow citizens.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart):** Mr. Speaker, this was an occasion when I hoped the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) would express congratulations not only from those who sit on his side of the house but from all of us all over the house. We join heartily in the sentiments he has expressed.

**Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I do not look forward to birthdays coming to me, but I look forward to their coming to other people, not just because I want them to grow old so that we can vanquish them but rather because it gives us an opportunity to express to them our good will, as the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) did this afternoon. On behalf of the group I represent I want to join with him in the expression of good will. We want the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) to know that we should like to see him enjoy a good many more birthdays and useful years of living.

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**Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, first of all may I express to you my appreciation of the kind good wishes that you have extended. May I say that they come with particular significance in view of the fact that it is so short a time ago that you yourself were receiving similar compliments, although not in relation to the same figures connected with the day. May I say that I am deeply grateful for and deeply moved by the words of the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) and of the leaders of the other parties in the house who have expressed their good wishes today.

I think it is a wonderful thing that here in this house, where we have real differences of opinion, the Prime Minister could put into words the thoughts that I know most of us would wish to share at all times, namely that out of the vigorous exchange of ideas there grows an increasing respect for the sincerity behind the different points of view that are expressed. There is always something a little bit, shall I say, forbidding about it when you see these years in increasing numbers being marked up on the board. However, I am always encouraged by the recollection of a birthday party that was given to Sir William Mulock in Toronto on his 90th birthday. I still remember the thrill with which, as a much younger man, I heard Sir William on that occasion, with straight back and high head, assure his audience that he was still looking forward to the hills of enchantment ahead of him; and he in fact went forward for many happy years. Perhaps it is too much to follow the words of Shakespeare and to suggest that "this day shall change all . . . quarrels into love"; nevertheless I express my appreciation of the generous and, I know, sincere good wishes extended by the Prime Minister and those who have joined him on this occasion.

### TRADE MARKS ACT

#### COMING INTO FORCE—NEW TRADE MARKS RULES

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the interest which has been expressed in the house on one or two occasions, and particularly on April 26 last by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell), I am tabling a copy of the