

Privilege—Mr. Coldwell

the present combined provincial and dominion duty. It is to be hoped that, for the sake of uniformity and simplicity of taxation, all or most of the agreeing provinces will withdraw their own succession duty measures and thus remove the duplication of administration which now exists in this field.

I had another statement, Mr. Speaker, but it would run over the allotted time. I thank you.

On motion of Mr. Blackmore, the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie the house adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 1946

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

MR. COLDWELL—REFERENCE TO LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT OF INCOME TAX PAYERS'
ASSOCIATION

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege. I understand that copies of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Thorvaldson, president of the income taxpayers' association, have been circulated among members of parliament. The letter contains this statement:

The first sentence of the third paragraph of your letter is sufficiently evasive to make me doubt the substance of your charges. Indeed, I do doubt them, and now challenge you to prove them.

Therefore, though I have not permission from the writers to do so, I now table a number of letters dealing exclusively or almost exclusively with the forgery of signatures to certain cards that have been received by certain hon. members; envelopes marked "Unknown" or "Unclaimed" though some of the envelopes so marked have been already destroyed, and cards obviously addressed by one person, or several persons in the same handwriting, together with affidavits obtained by the hon. member for Swift Current (Mr. Bentley) when he was in the west, from some of his constituents denying that they had signed such cards. I may say we know of other persons who deny having signed such cards, but from whom we have not written or documentary evidence.

I believe these communications, of which there are quite a few, will be sufficient evidence to show that the statement I made in the house with regard to the forgery of these signatures is well founded.

[Mr. Mayhew.]

Mr. SPEAKER: I must draw the attention of the hon. member to the fact that while his question of privilege is well taken, according to the rules of the house it is not the privilege of an hon. member to table private correspondence. I have no objection to allowing him to do so, since every hon. member has received letters complaining about what he has mentioned, but I would ask the house if it could be done by unanimous consent.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fifteenth and sixteenth reports of special committee on veterans affairs.—Mr. Tucker.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved:

That the name of Mr. Gauthier (Nipissing) be substituted for that of Mr. McIlraith on the standing committee on banking and commerce.

Motion agreed to.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved the first reading of bill No. 252 (from the senate) to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

VETERANS REHABILITATION ACT

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES FOR
TRAINING EXPENSES

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a measure to amend the Veterans Rehabilitation Act by authorizing the minister to make, with the approval of the governor in council, grants to universities supplementary to those by the act authorized, to assist in meeting the expenses incurred in training veterans.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

ALLIED VETERANS BENEFIT ACT

PROVISION OF BENEFITS TO CANADIAN SERVICEMEN IN ALLIED FORCES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution: