

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Monday, March 3, 1952**

The house met at three o'clock.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF CLERK ASSISTANT

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that the governor in council has appointed Thomas Russell Montgomery, Esquire, as Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons, in the place of Edward Russell Hopkins, Esquire, who has resigned.

#### EXPRESSION OF THANKS BY MR. HARRIS (DANFORTH) FOR CONGRATULATIONS ON THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT

**Mr. J. H. Harris (Danforth):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, who by unanimous resolution have asked me to do so, I should like to have the privilege of thanking the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew), and the then acting leaders of the C.C.F. and Social Credit parties, for what was said by them on December 6 last on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of my election to parliament.

At the same time I should like to express my appreciation of the kind remarks of the whip of our party, and of the letters received from you, Mr. Speaker, and from many other members of this assembly. My constituents demand that I discharge this responsibility, and I do so most sincerely.

While I am on my feet, and in order that it may not be necessary to detain the house on another occasion, I want to thank the government for its great kindness in lending me the services of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin), who on Saturday last honoured the city of Toronto by attending a meeting of some fifteen hundred people who met to pay tribute to the great work he has done for the health and welfare of this country.

### REPORTS AND PAPERS

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL P.C. 1234—LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PRODUCTS

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** I desire to lay on the table copies, in English and in French, of order in council P.C. 1234, of the 3rd of March, 1952,

passed under the provisions of the Export and Import Permits Act and the Emergency Powers Act, relating to livestock and meat products.

### STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

#### PROPOSED OBSERVANCE OF DOMINION DAY AND VICTORIA DAY ON MONDAYS FOLLOWING JUNE 30 AND MAY 23

**Mr. J. L. MacDougall (Vancouver-Burrard)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Dominion Day Act and the Victoria Day Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. MacDougall:** On previous occasions I have taken time to explain the purpose of the bill. I am quite satisfied that everyone in the house knows that purpose as well as I do, and I do not think an additional explanation over and above the two already given is required.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

#### AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF 1947-48—VOLUNTARY REVOCABLE CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (voluntary revocable check-off).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Knowles:** The purpose of this bill is to add a new subsection 3 to section 6 of the national labour code. The effect will be to write into the national labour code a provision which is already in several of the provincial labour codes, namely, the voluntary revocable check-off of trade union dues.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### DIVORCE JURISDICTION ACT

#### EXCHEQUER COURT TO HAVE JURISDICTION IN ACTIONS ORIGINATING IN QUEBEC AND NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to provide for the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court of Canada in matters of divorce.