

Loss of H.M.C.S. Fraser

service both off the coasts of Nova Scotia and in the Caribbean. Recently she has been on duty in European waters with sister ships.

There are four destroyers of the *Fraser* type in the Royal Canadian navy. Formerly known as H.M.S. *Crescent*, she was launched on September 29, 1931, and was acquired by Canada in 1937. Her displacement was 1,355 tons, and she was built at the Vickers-Armstrong works, England.

The commanding officer of the *Fraser* was Commander Wallace B. Creery, R.C.N. I understand the commanding officer's life has been spared.

At the present time, for reasons of naval secrecy, nothing more can be divulged of the operations of His Majesty's Canadian units operating in overseas waters.

I have just this minute received the following communication from the admiralty in London:

Please convey to officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy their lordships' sympathies in loss of H.M.C.S. *Fraser*.

Their lordships wish to take this opportunity to express their thanks to all ranks and ratings of the Royal Canadian Navy for splendid contribution they are making to the work of his majesty's fleet in common cause.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to add on behalf of all hon. members of this house an expression of sympathy equally deep with the officers and men of the royal Canadian navy in the loss of the ship *Fraser*, but even more to express the very deep sympathy of this House of Commons to the relatives of the gallant men who have been lost in their country's service in the manner that I have been obliged to describe.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I am sure we all join with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) in the expression of sympathy with the next of kin and loved ones of those who have been lost in this sad event. It is the sort of thing that Canada and Canadians may expect to happen at this time. May it be a challenge to every one of us to support our people at the front, our gallant lads in the navy, in the air and in the army. I am sure that their example and devotion and the sacrifice they make for Canada and the empire will not be forgotten.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): I just wish to say very briefly that with the sentiments expressed by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition the group with which I am associated are in hearty accord. We too extend our deepest sympathy to those who are bereaved.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): It hardly needs to be said that our group is in most sincere accord with the sentiments which [Mr. Mackenzie King.]

have already been expressed. It must be impressed upon us all that we are at the beginning of a long, long list which will have to be recorded of those about whom it will later be said, as it was said of the heroes of the past: "Their name liveth for evermore."

BRITISH CHILDREN

COST OF HOSPITALIZATION OF EVACUATED CHILDREN
PLACED IN FREDERICTON HOMES TO BE
BORNE BY CITY

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to announce to this house that the loyal city of Fredericton, in which I have resided for forty years, which I have served as mayor, and whose citizens have been so good to me in days gone by, has announced through its mayor that it will bear the full expense of hospitalization of all evacuated children who may be placed in Fredericton homes.

I make the announcement in the hope that other cities and municipalities in Canada will follow this example.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): May I ask my hon. friend when he returns, as I understand he does at the end of the week, to his native city, to extend to the mayor of Fredericton, an expression of our appreciation of the action the city has taken; and also to say that by taking the action it has, the city of Fredericton has set an example which we feel sure will be followed throughout Canada.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 62 to incorporate Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.—Mr. Lapointe (Lotbinière).

Bill No. 63 for the relief of Margaret Somerville Sickinger.—Mr. Hill.

Bill No. 64 for the relief of Romain Cléophas Moreau.—Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City).

Bill No. 65 for the relief of Dorothy Florence Donn Martin.—Mr. Graydon.

Bill No. 66 for the relief of Phoebe Doris Edge Pott.—Mr. Graydon.

Bill No. 67 for the relief of Filomena Grego Sauro.—Mr. Bercovitch.

RADIO BROADCASTING

NEWS SERVICES—QUESTION AS TO STATUS OF
TRANS-RADIO PERMIT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question