

is carried out. I do not think it was really necessary in order to avoid duplication of taxation, but there is certainly no objection to having it expressed that there would not be two taxes taken on the same transaction.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

### MILITIA PENSION ACT

#### CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Acting Minister of Finance) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the senate to bill No. 392, to amend the Militia Pension Act.

He said: These amendments are merely to correct minor drafting points; there are no amendments of substance.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

### After Recess

The house resumed at seven o'clock.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Acting Prime Minister): In view of the motion that was adopted at six o'clock with respect to the duration of the intermission, I assume that we shall have the unanimous consent of the house to treat this as the time when private bills and public bills of private members should be called instead of waiting until eight o'clock.

Mr. SPEAKER: The list of public bills having been exhausted the house will revert to its business at six o'clock.

### CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

#### ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the senate to bill No. 201, to establish the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am moving this motion if I may have the unanimous consent of the house. The amendment consists merely of putting a time limit on the duration of the act. It would, under the amendment,

come to an end on the sixtieth day after the opening of the session commencing in 1949 unless it is extended in the meantime.

Mr. HOMUTH: I realize that the Acting Prime Minister cannot tell us how long some hon. members will make speeches on certain subjects. I wonder if, by any arrangement with the whips, he can give us some idea as to when the house will get through. Can he give us some intimation as to what his hopes are at least?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: It is much easier for me to state what my hopes are than to make any prediction as to what the realization will be, but my hopes are that we may finish by twelve o'clock to-night and be able to send the appropriation act over to the other place for consideration. I understand they are meeting at half-past ten in the morning. If that hope were realized we could arrange to have prorogation about half-past eleven.

Mr. GRAYDON: Did I hear the minister aright? Is the senate meeting at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The senate has arranged to meet at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning and to adjourn on call until such time as this house will have provided it with additional work.

Mr. HOMUTH: Thank you, sir.

Motion agreed to, amendment read the second time and concurred in.

#### SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Golding in the chair.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): The committee is considering item 965, loans and investments, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Is the committee ready for the question on the amendment?

Mr. BLACKMORE: Not having been a member of the radio committee this year, and having had several other heavy responsibilities to discharge, I have had to depend in large measure on what I have heard on the floor of the house for an understanding of what this is about. I may say at the outset that the bill which the government presented was repugnant to me and, if that bill indicated the general policy that guides the C.B.C., I would say it is cause for considerable alarm throughout the country. However, perhaps it did not exactly represent the government's idea or that of the C.B.C. I should like to ask several pointed questions of the minister