

By Mr. Nowlan:—1. What were the quantities and values of all citrus fruit juices imported into Canada from the United States during the calendar year 1949, and for each of the months of the calendar year 1950 for which the information is available?

2. What were the quantities, kinds and values of all apple products or by-products imported into Canada from the United States during the calendar year 1949, and for each of the months of the calendar year 1950 for which the information is available?

3. What were the quantities and values of all cranberry products or by-products imported into Canada from the United States during the calendar year 1949, and for each of the months of the calendar year 1950 for which the information is available?

Mr. McIlraith, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order forthwith.

The House then resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Abbott: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

And on the proposed motion of Mr Macdonnell (Greenwood), seconded by Mr. Smith (Calgary West), in amendment thereto:—That all the words after “That” to the end of the question be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“this House regrets that especially at this time when the people of Canada are suffering from the heavy burden of soaring prices for the necessities of life and are facing extraordinary expenditures for national defence, the Government has failed to take effective steps to curtail non-essential expenditures and improve the general efficiency of government”.

And on the proposed motion of Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North), seconded by Mr. Argue, in amendment thereto: That the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

“We regret further that the Government has failed to protect the people of this country from profiteering by the imposition of an excess profits tax”.

And the Debate continuing;

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Before putting the question on the sub-amendment, I wish to observe that because of the emergency character of this special session I have allowed a number of motions to stand which under ordinary circumstances I would have felt inclined to rule out of order. In some instances I have expressed my doubt; in others my doubt has been unexpressed though nonetheless real. For example, it seems to me that the amendment, moved on the second reading of Bill No. 5, was irregular, at least in part, in that the specification of the materials and services to be subject to the bill could have been accomplished by moving an appropriate amendment to the bill in committee. See Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Third Edition, Citation 658. Moreover, I am not satisfied that the words “expressing opinions as to any circumstances connected with its introduction or prosecution” as they appear in Citation 657 of Beauchesne's Third Edition, contemplate circumstances of the nature set forth in the amendment.