

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 8, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

[Translation]

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer the election certificates of Mr. Jacques-R. Tremblay for the electoral constituency of Richelieu-Verchères and of Mr. Pierre Caron for the electoral constituency of Hull.

• (2:40 p.m.)

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

First report of standing committee on industry, research and energy development, in English and French—Mr. Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe).

[English]

First report of special joint committee on divorce—Mr. Cameron (High Park)

[Note: Text of the foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

MR. JUSTICE LANDREVILLE

RESIGNATION AS JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce that I have received a letter of resignation from Mr. L. A. Landreville, and that the government has decided to accept his resignation as a justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario. Since the house has shown some interest in this matter I thought it might want to give me permission to table a copy of this letter.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house agree to the minister's suggestion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, would this be an appropriate time to ask the Minister of Justice a question regarding the matter to which he has just referred?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think so. The question might be asked when we reach that item in today's order of business.

INDUSTRY

CAPE BRETON—INQUIRY AS TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF CROWN
CORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, instead of asking questions regarding international affairs, because an opportunity will be presented later today to do so, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he received a telegram from the priests of Antigonish diocese per Reverend James McMullin, pointing out the need for the immediate establishment of a crown corporation for industrial development in Cape Breton to check the serious and, as described in the telegram, rapidly worsening unemployment situation in the Cape Breton industrial area. In view of the fact that 200 men were laid off at the Sydney steel plant last week and 90 are being released today, I should like to ask whether the act that was promised six months ago, which is still in the embryonic stage, will be brought forward—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Let me say to the hon. members who have interrupted that a statement was made yesterday to the effect that the resolution was on the order paper, therefore it must be still in the embryonic stage. Will the government bring this matter forward tomorrow in view of the serious and appalling situation in Cape Breton?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have received the telegram and it will be dealt with immediately. The legislation in question will be brought forward next week.

SYDNEY, N.S.—REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
FOR STEEL INDUSTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry perhaps I may direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister regarding the steel industry in Cape Breton. Has it been drawn to his attention that a notice has now been posted to the effect that unless conditions improve, in addition to the 300 men laid off in the last few days another 400 men will