

typical cases and outline to us in a little more detail than he has just done the principles followed. Let him give us a few sample cases, and give us the break-down in so far as he can now, because while we are critical in certain things we are also here to cooperate when we can.

Mr. HOWE: I have an interesting statement here on the subject of the settlement of claims arising out of terminated contracts, which I shall be very glad to put on *Hansard* or read.

Mr. JACKMAN: Put it on *Hansard*.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): That will require unanimous consent.

Mr. MacINNIS: I have sat here for the whole of this evening listening to what has been said by the minister and by the members of the committee, and I have come to the conclusion that so far as having any clear idea of what it is all about, we would have been just as far ahead if we had just passed the items as they were called. That is not to say that this matter should not be looked into, but I submit that it is of such magnitude that it cannot be investigated by a committee of this size under the rules of discussion that govern us. The minister said that he could go over these figures with the hon. member for Yorkton for two days and then he would not be any further ahead. I do not think either the minister or the hon. member for Yorkton is as dumb as that, although they may be lacking in some respects. But for the committee to have any real check on the figures we should need experts to explain every item as we went along. This is near the end of the war appropriations, and I hope that we shall never have another war appropriation. We can possibly go into the civil estimates, but even they are becoming of such magnitude that we cannot very well do that, and I submit that we shall have to find some way of dealing with these matters in a more efficient and realistic way if we are to have any understanding of what they are all about.

Mr. MACDONNELL: I understand that the minister is to give us a break-down and that we can deal with this item at the opening to-morrow. Was the minister not going to put a statement on *Hansard*?

Mr. HOWE: I think I will read it to-morrow.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[Mr. Macdonnell.]

Wednesday, November 21, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

PROTOCOL OF RATIFICATIONS DEPOSITED IN WASHINGTON

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I should like to table copies of the protocol of deposit of ratifications of the charter of the united nations which was signed by the Secretary of State of the United States of America on October 24, 1945. Hon. members might like to have the following information in regard to this protocol:

Paragraph 3 of article 110 of the charter provides that the charter shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications by the Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and by a majority of the other signatory states. Paragraph 3 further provides that a protocol of the ratifications deposited shall thereupon be drawn up by the government of the United States of America and communicated to the signatory states. The necessary ratifications having been deposited in Washington by October 24, 1945, the charter came into force and the present protocol was drawn up on that date.

Canada's instrument of ratification, following approval by parliament, was signed by His Majesty in London on November 1, 1945, and was deposited with the government of the United States of America by the Canadian Ambassador in Washington on November 9, 1945.

Paragraph 4 of article 110 of the charter provides that:

The states signatory to the present charter which ratify it after it has come into force will become original members of the united nations on the date of the deposit of their respective ratifications.

Canada thus became an original member of the united nations on November 9, 1945.

Mr. BRACKEN: May I ask the Prime Minister whether copies of this document are available?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have tabled the protocol. It might be understood that it will be printed in to-day's *Votes and Proceedings*.

Mr. BRACKEN: If it is not too long.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No, it is not long.