

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, July 2, 1959

The house met at 11 a.m.

(Translation):

ESTIMATES

FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Fifth report of standing committee on estimates.—Mr. Smith (Calgary South).

(Text):

ROYAL VISIT

PRINTING OF SPEECHES OF HER MAJESTY AS APPENDIX TO "HANSARD"

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the house, I should like to suggest that the speeches delivered by Her Majesty yesterday, one to the nation by television and the other on the dedication and unveiling of the commonwealth air memorial, be printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the will of the house that the speeches of Her Majesty be printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[For text of speeches above referred to, see appendix]

TRADE

URANIUM—ANNOUNCEMENT OF SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, hon. members will recall that on March 3 of this year the late secretary of state for external affairs informed the house that formal negotiations were about to begin with the government of Japan for a bilateral agreement on the peaceful uses of atomic energy. I am happy to announce that these negotiations have now been successfully concluded, and I accordingly table for the information of the house copies of the agreement, together with certain related documents, all of which were signed earlier this morning by the ambassador of Japan and myself acting on behalf of our respective governments.

The agreement is the fourth of its kind so far concluded by Canada. It will make possible the exchange of technical information and the provision of equipment and materials including uranium. The protocol attached to it stipulates that its provisions shall apply

to any source material that may be supplied from Canada to the Japan atomic fuel corporation as authorized by the government of Japan, after the date of signature of the agreement but prior to the entry into force of the agreement itself.

It is the hope and intention of the two governments that this agreement will provide the framework for mutually beneficial co-operation between Canada and Japan in the development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the wider utilization of the many benefits which it is capable of bringing to the peoples of both countries.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the house will welcome the news of the signing of this agreement, the negotiation of which has been going on with Japan now for a great many months. It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that it is of the greatest possible importance to negotiate agreements of this kind with foreign governments to protect and advance, among other things, the exporting interests of the uranium industry of Canada. It is particularly important because of the fact that the United States has been successful in making bilateral agreements with different countries on terms which are going to make it very difficult for Canadian producers to compete because the United States, as part of the agreement, can supply reactors to the countries concerned of a type which will be tied to the use of uranium from the United States. Therefore that is only one reason why we welcome the news of this particular agreement with such a very important Pacific country as Japan.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, this group, knowing the attitude of the Japanese government and the Japanese people toward the uses of these sources of energy, is very pleased with the minister's announcement. This is a constructive development and will provide a market for Canadian uranium that we can develop in good conscience.

NORTHLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY

INQUIRY AS TO STRIKE SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Can the