

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 20, 1953

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

## FLOODS

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE  
NETHERLANDS OF HELP BY ARMY  
PERSONNEL

**Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I have received from His Excellency C. Staf, Minister of Defence of The Netherlands, a letter which I think would be of interest to the house. It states:

The Hague, February 14, 1953.

My dear Minister,

Now the moment has come that your troops who came to help us during the floods are about to be retired, I want to thank you for the many distinguished services that they have rendered to us.

Their morale and their discipline, their tenacity and zeal have greatly impressed us. This enabled them to take a large part in rescuing the human lives and cattle and salvaging the goods.

I can assure you that in these anxious hours it has been a ray of hope for the Dutch people that your country and your military were at our side.

Yours sincerely,

C. Staf.

## PRIVATE BILLS

## FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 144, to incorporate the Apostolic Trustees of the Friars Minor or Franciscans of Western Canada.—Mr. Dechene.

Bill No. 145, to incorporate the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Western Canada.—Mr. Knight.

Bill No. 146, respecting the Detroit and Windsor Subway Company.—Mr. Brown (Essex West).

Bill No. 147, respecting the Apostolic Trustees of the Friars Minor or Franciscans.—Mr. Pinard.

Bill No. 149, to incorporate Canadian Reinsurance Company.—Mr. Cameron.

Bill No. 150, to incorporate the Callow Veterans' and Invalids' Welfare League.—Mr. Balcom.

Bill No. 151, for the relief of Rolph Julian La France.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 152, for the relief of Jack Gold.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 153, for the relief of Hazel Margaret MacRury Jordan.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 154, for the relief of Anne Agnes Costigan Entwistle.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 155, for the relief of Rachel Sturman Spierer.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 156, for the relief of Agnes Kathleen Small Finlayson.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 157, for the relief of Pearl Irene Balogh Katona.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 158, for the relief of Zoe Audrey Birch Butler.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 159, for the relief of Bessie Mewhirter Mitchell Cameron.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 160, for the relief of Elsie Smith Gray.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 161, for the relief of Rita Lowsky Blatt.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 162, for the relief of Anna Shulemson Heymann.—Mr. Winkler.

## STATISTICS ACT

TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS—UTILIZATION  
OF SERVICES OF OFFICERS IN OTHER  
DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the first reading of Bill No. 148 (from the Senate), to amend the Statistics Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

## TRADE

## REFERENCE TO STATEMENT BY HENRY FORD, JR.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. A. Cruickshank (Fraser Valley):** Has the attention of the government been brought to a statement reported in the press, by Mr. Henry Ford, Jr., in regard to furthering free trade? If so, is any action being taken to follow up the proposal?

**An hon. Member:** Give him notice.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** I had no time to give notice.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** If this has not been brought to the attention of the government, I am bringing it to their attention now. If it has been brought to their attention, I should like to know what action is being taken.

**Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance):** I saw the press statement and I think Mr. Ford's sentiments are highly commendable.