

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 26, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

(Translation):

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SALE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS IN CAFETERIA

Mr. Hector Dupuis (St. Mary): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you personally and on behalf of several of my colleagues for the immediate attention you gave to my recent suggestion in regard to the sale of French daily newspapers in the cafeteria. These newspapers have been made available for several days now and I thank you for it.

(Text):

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EXPLANATION OF CHANGE IN AMPLIFYING SYSTEM

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members will have noticed that the roving microphone which was used yesterday as an experiment has now disappeared. It has proven to the engineer operators and to all of us, I think, that whenever a member speaks he should direct his voice to the microphone nearest to him, and hon. members surrounding the member who has the floor should remain as silent as possible; otherwise the noise which is being made around the member who has the floor is picked up by the suspended microphone and that rather annuls the strength of the voice of the one who has the floor.

There may be other questions that hon. members would wish to ask about this system. I am not an expert. I have asked the engineer operators whether they would meet the members in order to discuss whatever points they may wish to have answered, and they have agreed, in the most co-operative manner, to be here on Monday between eleven and one o'clock on the floor of the house, and if hon. members wish to come down and ask questions about the system they will be pleased to answer whatever queries hon. members might make.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT

Mr. Rene N. Juiras (Provencher) presented the first report of the standing committee on agriculture and colonization, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS

Mr. J. H. Harrison (Meadow Lake): I have the honour to present the fourth report of the standing committee on standing orders.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the intention of the hon. member to move concurrence in this report today?

Mr. Harrison: Mr. Speaker, we shall not be able to move concurrence until Monday.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REFERENCE OF BUDGET TO RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING COMMITTEE

Mr. L. Langlois (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier) I should like to lay on the table the budget of the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Limited, for the year 1954, in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act, chapter 39, Revised Statutes of 1952, and of section 80 of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, Revised Statutes of 1952, and as approved by the governor general in council by order in council P.C. 1954-448 of March 25, 1954.

On behalf of the minister, I move:

That the budget of the Canadian National Railways and Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited, tabled this day, be referred to the sessional committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government.

Motion agreed to.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR 1953 AND 1954 AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1954

Mr. J. H. Dickey (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Defence Production): On behalf of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe), I am tabling, in accordance with law, the Trans-Canada Air Lines capital budget (revised) for the calendar year 1953; Trans-Canada Air Lines capital budget, 1954; and the Trans-Canada Air Lines operating budget, 1954.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

IMPLEMENT INDUSTRY—MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF AGRICULTURE AND LABOUR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to