

of measures dealing with this transitional legislation. If I might also be permitted to do what is not generally done, I should like to pay tribute to my colleague, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ilsley) for the great work that he did in piloting the measures through the house. I think the house will support me in that.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie the house adjourned at 9.17 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 1947

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

MR. LENNARD—REFERENCE IN "GLOBE AND MAIL"
TO NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN-SOVIET
FRIENDSHIP

Mr. F. E. LENNARD (Wentworth): On a question of privilege I wish to refer to a Canadian press dispatch appearing in the *Globe and Mail* this morning, to the effect that at a one day conference sponsored by the national council for Canadian-Soviet friendship, held in Ottawa yesterday, some—one hundred delegates, including parliamentarians, labour and other representatives attended, with Professor Barker Fairley of the university of Toronto acting as chairman in the absence of Leslie Roberts, Montreal writer, and president of the council.

By failing, sir, to name the parliamentarians who were among the one hundred delegates a reflection is cast upon members of this house. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I was not one of them.

Mr. MACKENZIE: On a point of order, I do not think for one moment that the point raised by the hon. member was a question of privilege. Every hon. member of this parliament is free to do as he wishes with respect to any motion or movement on parliamentary or economic history.

MR. REID—REFERENCE TO ARTICLE IN
WINNIPEG "TRIBUNE"

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I wish to refer to an article which appeared in the *Winnipeg Tribune* under the heading: "Pastor wants house gym for saggy M.P.'s." My objection is to the last paragraph in which I am described as, "Thomas Reid, the Progressive Conservative". I have been called a number of names in my day, Mr. Speaker, but this is the first time I have been referred to as a Progressive Conservative, and I wish to make a correction.

[Mr. Mackenzie.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF CERTAIN
ITEMS OF MAIN ESTIMATES

Right Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved:

That votes Nos. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 inclusive, dealing with external affairs, and referred to the committee of supply on March 4, 1947, be withdrawn from that committee and referred to the standing committee on external affairs for consideration and report.

He said: This is a repetition of the practice of last year.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs if it is the intention of the government to take similar action this session with respect to other departmental estimates?

Mr. MACKENZIE: That is a question for the Prime Minister to answer, not for me.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My hon. friend will have to wait for the ministers of the departments to speak for themselves.

CANADIAN FORCES

DECORATIONS—REFERENCE TO RETURN ORDERED
ON APRIL 30

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Defence): On April 30 a question asked by the hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. Pearkes) was passed as an order for return. The question as originally asked, and as it appeared in the *Votes and Proceedings*, referred to decorations to personnel of the Canadian army only. A correction appeared in *Hansard*, making the reference to the "armed forces," but the return tabled referred only to the army. I should now like to file a supplementary return to include foreign decorations awarded to personnel of the other services.

INDIAN ACT

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. D. F. BROWN (Essex West) moved:

That the third report of the special joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to continue and complete the examination and consideration of the Indian Act, presented to the house on Wednesday, May 7 last, be now concurred in.

Motion agreed to.