

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, February 16, 1926

The House met at three o'clock.

THE LATE MR. J. E. MARCILE, M.P.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following letter:

Honorable RODOLPHE LEMIEUX,
Président de la Chambre des communes,
Ottawa, Ont.

Honorable Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception, de l'édition des "Débats de la Chambre" que vous m'avez gracieusement adressée, et contenant les consolantes et élogieuses paroles que les honorables chefs des différents partis ainsi que le distingué représentant de Bagot, ont prononcées à l'égard de mon regretté mari.

Nul plus que moi fut à même, à travers les sentiers de la vie, d'apprécier ses nobles qualités de cœur et d'esprit, aussi, le geste spontané, et unanime de la Chambre, déposant au pied de sa tombe, le touchant tribut du souvenir, m'émue, plus que je ne puis l'écrire, et je me sens réellement impuissante à vous exprimer toute la gratitude que je ressens.

Veuillez, s'il vous plaît, accepter, et présenter pour moi, aux honorables membres de la Chambre des communes, l'hommage de ma profonde reconnaissance, et soyez assuré que je garderai précieusement, ainsi que ma famille, le témoignage de cette haute marque d'estime et de sympathie.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, monsieur l'Orateur,
Votre très obligée,

Mme J. E. MARCILE.

Acton Vale, 15 février 1926.

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of the Interior): I lay on the table copies of the order in council dealing with the instructions for an investigation into the railway rates on coal.

REPORTS AND PAPERS

Statement of estimated amount of work done and approximate expenditures made on the Canadian National Railways to December 31, 1925.—Hon. Mr. Lapointe.

Statement of estimated amount of work that will be done, and approximate expenditures that will be made, in the year 1926 on the various branch lines of the Canadian National Railways.—Hon. Mr. Lapointe.

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SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Leader of the House) moved:

That Messrs. King (Kootenay), Casgrain, Charters, Tolmie and Spencer be a committee to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members who compose the select standing committees of the House.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask if the names of the members from this side were given by the chief whip?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes.

Motion agreed to.

DISTRIBUTION OF CANTEEN FUND

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto North-west): I should like to ask the government what has been done in regard to the distribution among the soldiers of the canteen fund amounting to \$2,000,000. It is nearly a year now since parliament passed an act in respect to this matter, and voted the sum of \$800,000 to the province of Ontario as its share. As yet, however, no commission has been appointed for that province and apparently none will be for some time, although there are many men in need of relief owing to unemployment and distress. Will the government later on in the week state the cause of the delay, and inform the House as to the nature of the existing situation?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think boards have been appointed in the various provinces in connection with the fund referred to. However, I will communicate with the minister in charge of the department concerned, and give the information to my hon. friend in the House.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from Monday, February 15, consideration of the motion of Mr. J. C. Elliott for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his Speech at