

between victory and defeat. In 1940, when the issue was swaying in the balance, when it was not certain whether or not Great Britain would go down, the fact that our young airmen were in the air, that our army was on the shores of Great Britain, and that Britain knew we were at her side, may have made all the difference between victory and defeat.

But, sir, of very great importance is that that has all been accomplished without destroying the unity of this country. Many people argued that we should not take any great part in the war, because it would inevitably mean the destruction of unity in Canada. Well, under the leadership of our present Prime Minister that titanic effort has been accomplished without destroying our unity. The end of this war will find Canada more united, more conscious of her great national strength, and respected the world over, with an agricultural, industrial and financial system and the trained citizenry to assure us of a standard of living as high as that of any nation on the face of the earth.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, we face a bright future; but we should never forget that that future has been made possible by the bravery of our brave sons, and that of brave people the world over. Let us therefore, in so far as it lies within us, make up our minds that that future will be worthy of the sacrifice which made it possible. Let us approach our problems in the spirit of that gallant British airmen who, writing to his mother just before going into combat in which he was killed, said: "I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability. No man can do more, and no man calling himself a man can do less."

On motion of Mr. Graydon the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Monday, January 31, 1944

The house met at three o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

DEBATES—RESIGNATION OF PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER (FRENCH)

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the Clerk has received the resignation of Hector Benoit, Esquire, Parliamentary Reporter, French, House of Commons, which has been accepted subject to ratification by the house, and I have directed the Clerk to lay on the table of the house the correspondence and my recommendation in relation thereto.

[Mr. Tucker.]

DIVORCE

AMENDMENT OF ACT OF 1930—JURISDICTION OF COURTS IN PROVINCE OF MARRIED WOMEN'S DOMICILE

Mr. GEORGE BLACK (Yukon) moved for leave to introduce bill No. 2, to amend the Divorce Jurisdiction Act, 1930.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

LIVE STOCK

PRESS REPORT WITH REGARD TO SLAUGHTER AND SALE OF ANIMALS BY QUEBEC FARMERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. FRASER (Peterborough West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance, under whose administration the wartime prices and trade board comes, a question with respect to an item that appeared in the *Montreal Standard* of Saturday. It says that a new plan by which Quebec farmers will be allowed to slaughter and sell their animals themselves in future has been adopted by arrangement with the wartime prices and trade board.

Does this arrangement apply also to Ontario and the other provinces?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): I shall have to look into the newspaper report and see whether there is any truth in it. I do not know whether there is or not.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): True enough. I confirmed it this morning.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Friday, January 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. L. D. Tremblay for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I shall have to ask the indulgence of Your Honour and of the house if I follow my notes more closely than I have been in the habit of doing. I am anxious to condense my remarks and deliver them in the minimum amount of time, in order to set an example that perhaps may be followed by the house in time to come.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

Mr. GRAYDON: I was looking at the other side of the house when I said that.