

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Monday, February 9, 1948**

The house met at three o'clock.

### PRIVILEGE

MR. MCIVOR—CONGRATULATIONS TO R.C.A.F. HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. DANIEL McIVOR (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege I would ask the former minister for air or the Minister of Veterans Affairs if he does not think that the present R.C.A.F. hockey team is living up to the traditions of the air force. The air force started out with the criticism "too little and too late." Our hockey team was criticized as too little and too weak, but they have covered Canada with glory, and I should like to know what the minister thinks about it.

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, in fairness the hon. member might have mentioned that the R.C.A.F. Olympic hockey team only won over there because they borrowed three of the finest young Toronto players, Lieutenant-Commander Wally Halder, graduate of the university of Toronto, George Mara, and Murray Dowey, three fine young Toronto native sons. As goalkeeper the latter had five shut-outs and only five goals scored against him over there in eight games. Toronto also won the Olympic hockey championship at St. Moritz with Toronto Granites, and also Varsity grads in 1927.

As a past president of the Argonauts I would also point out to hon. members who saw the pictures here last Saturday night of the Rugby final between Argonauts and Winnipeg Bombers, at the fine Rugby evening, for which we are indebted to St. Patrick's college, also sent here by President Thomas H. C. Alison of the Argonauts and shown by our great player, Joe Krol, that we were the only senior rugby club that did not play any imports last fall.

Hon. COLIN GIBSON (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Defence I should like to say that all Canadians are proud of the achievement of the Royal Canadian Air Force hockey team in winning the Olympic championship. Messages of congratulations have been sent from all parts of Canada. I had the pleasure of sending one yesterday congratulating the team on living up to the famous motto of the air force,

*per ardua ad astra*, the meaning of which I am sure is known to all members of the house. I do feel that the air force are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their team and in overcoming the difficulties that they encountered in bringing this honour to Canada.

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

PRESERVATION OF GAME—APPELLATE JURISDICTION FROM STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

Hon. J. A. GLEN (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved the first reading of Bill No. 9 (from the senate) to amend the Northwest Territories Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE A. TOUCHE AND COMPANY AS AUDITORS

Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Minister of Transport) moved the first reading of Bill No. 10 (from the senate) respecting the appointment of auditors for National Railways.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO ACT AND INDIAN ADMINISTRATION GENERALLY

Hon. J. A. GLEN (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved:

That a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons be appointed to continue and complete the examination and consideration begun by a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, pursuant to a resolution of the house on May 13, 1946, and continued by a commission under the Inquiries Act, appointed by order in council P.C. 3797, dated the 11th day of October, 1946, and further continued by a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, pursuant to a resolution of the house on February 13, 1947, of the Indian Act, Chapter 98, R.S.C. 1927, and amendments thereto, and to suggest such amendments as they may deem advisable, with authority to investigate and report upon Indian administration in general and, in particular, the following matters:

1. Treaty rights and obligations.
2. Band membership.
3. Liability of Indians to pay taxes.
4. Enfranchisement of Indians both voluntary and involuntary.
5. Eligibility of Indians to vote at dominion elections.
6. The encroachment of white persons on Indian reserves.