

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, May 6, 1942

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE—MR. COLDWELL

REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORT OF STATEMENT BY
DOCTOR FRANZ KLEIN

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege and to keep the record straight. Doctor Franz Klein gave a statement to the press last night in which he said this—I am reading from the *Ottawa Journal*:

He claimed that any note of dissension in his writings was in relationship only to a difference between his views and those of another Austrian expatriate now in Toronto.

"Mr. Coldwell may regard him as an Austrian leader, since he boasts having been Schuschnigg's press chief. He was one of the junior officials in Colonel Adams', the press chief's bureau. Adams' whole staff was imprisoned by the German invader. Most of them are still in concentration camps. Mr. Coldwell's witness is the only one who owing to his friendship with Schuschnigg's Foreign Secretary Guido Schmidt, was released after a few weeks and allowed to leave Austria."

I wish to say that I do not know the gentleman to whom Doctor Klein refers. I have had no communication with anyone connected with the Austrian or Czech organizations in this city or in the dominion. The information I gave the other afternoon was obtained when I was in England, from the Free Austrian Committee there.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Second report of standing committee on railways and shipping.—Mr. Howden.

RADIO BROADCASTING—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST
REPORT

Mr. J. J. McCANN (Renfrew South) presented the first report of the special committee on radio broadcasting, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Mr. Ilsley I beg to move:

That estimate items Nos. 400, 401, 410 and 411, approved and reported upon by the standing committee on railways and shipping, owned, operated and controlled by the government, be referred to the committee of supply.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): The report of the committee has not yet been concurred in. I know this is a pro forma motion, but it seems to me to be a little premature.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It can stand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion refers to items that were taken out of the estimates and referred to the standing committee on railways and shipping, the standing committee has approved the items, and they are now reported back to the house. The usual procedure is then to refer these items to the committee of supply to be dealt with in the usual manner.

Motion agreed to.

RADIO BROADCASTING—CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the name of Mr. Hansell be substituted for that of Mr. Kuhl on the select committee on radio broadcasting.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED—CONSTRUCTION AND RENTALS

Mr. NICHOLSON:

1. How many houses were completed by War-time Housing Limited by April 1, 1942?
2. What was the average cost, including services, per unit?