

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Friday, May 4, 1928

The house met at three o'clock.

### ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

#### BEAUHARNOIS POWER COMPANY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My hon. friend asked yesterday whether an application had been made by the Beauharnois Power Company to the International Joint Commission or had been referred by the government to that tribunal. The answer to both questions is in the negative.

### INQUIRY FOR RETURN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George (Mr. Cahan) asked yesterday with respect to an order of the house passed for a return of certain documents relating to applications for the construction of a dam between lake St. Francis and lake St. Louis.

Mr. CAHAN: I meant to say "canal". It, I think, is misreported.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Probably it is the same order. I am advised by the Department of Railways and Canals that its portion of the return has already been made, and by the Department of Public Works that its portion of the return will be made by that department next week. I am sorry to have to inform my hon. friend that the word in Hansard is "dam." I know my hon. friend did not intend to use that word.

### ALLEGED POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP

#### APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES CROCKETT COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Cantley) asked yesterday with regard to a return relating to a commission investigating charges of political partisanship against public employees in the

province of Nova Scotia. I am advised that the return is ready for signature and that it will be brought down by the minister on Monday.

### TECHNICAL EDUCATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. B. ADSHEAD (East Calgary): There is a press despatch in the morning papers stating that a delegation waited upon the Prime Minister yesterday in regard to technical education and that the Prime Minister intimated that as certain of the prairie provinces and Prince Edward Island had not participated in the grant until several years after it was provided, it was the intention of the government to extend the grant to Saskatchewan, Alberta and some of the other provinces. Is that the intention of the government?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: With respect to grants for technical education the government has under consideration a policy similar to that adopted with respect to grants for road and highway construction at the time those grants expired under the statute by which they were provided. That is to say, where provinces up to the present have not made use of the opportunity which they have had the government will be prepared to consider extending the time for them. I think my hon. friend may rely upon the extension being considered favourably.

### SCATARIE ISLAND MARINE SIGNALS

On the orders the day:

Mr. J. A. MACDONALD (Richmond-West Cape Breton): I wish to call the attention of the house—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. MACDONALD (Richmond): I should like to ask my hon. friends opposite if this ovation is an expression of goodwill and if it comes from them as a result of my having defeated the chief Liberal whip in 1925.

I wish to call the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to an article which appears in the Halifax Chronicle under date of May 1st. It says: