Ministerial Appointments
To the Minister of Trade and Commerce
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To the Minister of National Revenue
To the Minister of Agriculture
To the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
To the Minister of Fisheries
To the Minister of Labour
To the Postmaster General
To the Minister of Public Works

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, it is not, I think, the custom of our house for the opposition to associate itself in any way with changes in the ministry, and I do not wish to depart from that custom. All the hon, members concerned know that they have our personal good will, but I do wish to take advantage of this opportunity to associate myself and our party with what the Prime Minister has said about the hon. member for Greenwood. The hon, member has been in this house, Mr. Speaker, for a number of years, on both sides of the house. I think during all that time he has won not only the respect but the admiration and affection of every member of the house with whom he has worked. Since he found it necessary for health reasons to leave his position as minister, a position of onerous responsibility, I can only say that we over here are delighted that he is still with us in the House of Commons.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): On behalf of the C.C.F., Mr. Speaker, I should like to associate our group with the words of the Prime Minister and those of the Leader of the Opposition in welcoming to the house today, in such good health, the hon. member for Greenwood. We regret that the state of his health earlier forced his retirement from the cabinet. We are glad that we can look forward in this session to his distinguished presence. We are certain that, as in the past, he will make very valuable contributions to the deliberations of this house. For many years we have considered him a personal friend, and we are very pleased to see him back with us.

Hon. J. M. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: I think that is the shortest speech the hon. gentleman has ever made.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

the member for Peel
(Mr. Pallett)
the member for Saint John-Albert
(Mr. Thomas M. Bell)
the member for Edmonton West
(Mr. Lambert)
the member for Huron

the member for Huron (Mr. Cardiff)

the member for Brant-Haldimand (Mr. Charlton)
the member for Gaspe
(Mr. English)
the member for Essex South

(Mr. Thrasher)
the member for Halifax
(Mr. Morris)

the member for Quebec East (Mr. Tassé)

Mr. Macdonnell: And the most popular.

## INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an order in council appointing the Hon. Donald Methuen Fleming, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Leon Balcer, Solicitor General, the Hon. George Clyde Nowlan, Minister of National Revenue and the Hon. Ellen Louks Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intituled: An Act respecting the House of Commons.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house under standing order 65, the said committee to be composed of Messrs. Balcer, Churchill, Habel, Pallett and Peters.

Motion agreed to.

(Translation):

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Green, that Mr. Jacques Flynn, member for the electoral district of Quebec South, be appointed chairman of committees of the whole house.

(Text):

I do not propose at this time to say more than that the hon, gentleman to whom I have