

Affairs (Mr. Macdonald) is away, but the matter which my friend has just mentioned was brought to the attention of officers of the department in order that a reply might be prepared for the minister to make when he returns.

Mr. GRAYDON: A considerable section of the press in Canada is calling for some kind of inquiry with respect to it.

Mr. POWER: I cannot speak for the department of naval affairs, but if every disgruntled officer in my department starts writing to the press I am not going to get wildly excited and—

Mr. GRAYDON: I think that on reflection the minister will perhaps not continue that line of argument. After all we are only trying to bring to the attention of the public, and particularly to the attention of the government, the charges that were made.

Mr. POWER: They were not charges at all. It is a tirade regarding promotion.

Mr. GRAYDON: If I might continue; this is a serious matter, one which I do not think should be dismissed lightly by calling someone a disgruntled officer.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): This is not debatable.

Mr. GRAYDON: Inquiry will discover whether he is a disgruntled officer, and if he is he will be treated as such. In the meantime the matter ought to be aired to see if there is anything in the charges.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

### ADJOURNMENT AT SIX O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): I intended to ask the Prime Minister whether it is the intention to follow the usual custom at the earlier stages of the session and adjourn at six o'clock to-night.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): That has been the custom followed for many years. We will not depart from it to-night unless strong objection is raised.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

### CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Thursday, February 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. W. E. Harris (Grey-Bruce) for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session,

and the amendment thereto of Mr. Graydon, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Coldwell.

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, many of the previous speakers in this debate have offered their congratulations to the mover (Mr. Harris) and the seconder (Mr. Hallé) of the address in reply. I am in accord with that practice, but I am going to call it briefly to your attention in a slightly different way. I think this parliament made history at the opening of this session, when the mover was a Canadian officer in the king's uniform who had been overseas and returned, and was about to go back again, and the seconder was an officer of the Canadian forces ready to go overseas. May I recall, too, that the second speech after the speeches delivered by the leaders of the different parties was that of the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Booth). He had been overseas, had returned to Canada, and is now on his way or is about to go back. It is worth while recalling that history was made at the opening of this session. I do not think there is any precedent to compare with it. We hope it may never be necessary to follow the same procedure again.

May I say, however, that I was thrilled, and I think every hon. member must have been, when I heard two of those men relate what had taken place in connection with our Canadian forces overseas. We were encouraged to hear about the high standard of morale, courage and enthusiasm, and we were deeply interested in the condition of the British people, and the sacrifices they are making. I believe if we were honest with ourselves, most of us would admit that we had a feeling that we were rededicating ourselves to the winning of the war, so that when the time comes those splendid forces might have proper reinforcements in men, munitions and food.

When those hon. members spoke about Dieppe I recalled to mind the first-hand information I received concerning that raid. I obtained my information in conversation with a hero who had been at Dieppe, a boy from my home town who had been fortunate enough to survive the expedition and return to his home town of Wolseley, but who, unfortunately had paid the price of losing his right leg. Talking with him I heard the story of the men who took part in the Dieppe raid. He told me the conditions they faced, and the reception they received upon their return across the channel. After listening to that story, I rededicated myself to do anything I can to further the interests of Canada's efforts in support of those men.