

to see whether the profits have been fair and reasonable. The amounts recovered from 600 contracts that have been renegotiated approximate \$300 million. We want to be sure that the contracts did provide only reasonable profit to the contractor. It is not possible in the early stages of a contract to establish costs that will protect against excess profits as the contracts go through.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Howe thereupon moved for leave to introduce bill No. 173, respecting the Department of Reconstruction and Supply.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

### Friday, November 23, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

First report of the standing committee on marine and fisheries.—Mr. Reid.

#### PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT—CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved:

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this house has substituted the name of Mr. Richard (Ottawa East) for that of Mr. Gourd (Chapleau) to act on the part of the House of Commons as a member of the joint committee of both houses on the restaurant, and that the Clerk of the House do carry said message to the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

#### WAR EXPENDITURES

##### CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved:

That the name of G. H. Castleden be substituted for that of S. H. Knowles on the war expenditures committee.

Motion agreed to.

#### PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

##### STATEMENT RESPECTING DISALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN ACTS OF SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that there have been several inquiries made in the house as to whether a decision had been

made respecting petitions which had been submitted for the disallowance of certain Saskatchewan statutes, I think I should table, for the information of hon. members, an order in council adopted this day, and approving the recommendation of the Minister of Justice that these statutes be left to such operation as they may have.

#### PRIVATE BILLS

##### LAKE ERIE AND DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY COMPANY AND PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY COMPANY

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster—for Mr. Croll) moved the first reading of bill No. 162, respecting the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company and Pere Marquette Railway Company.

Mr. STIRLING: Explain; can we have an explanation?

Motion agreed to and bill read the first and second times.

##### FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 163, for the relief of Frances Gladys Ruth Leveille Williams.—Mr. Casselman.

Bill No. 164, for the relief of Dorothy Ada Greenwood Pringle.—Mr. Brown.

Bill No. 165, for the relief of Edward Vaughton Molson.—Mr. MacLean.

Bill No. 166, for the relief of Elizabeth Jean McKay Hepplewhite.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 167, for the relief of Alfred Henry Gray.—Mr. Boucher.

Bill No. 168, for the relief of Dante Antonio Olak.—Mr. McGregor.

Bill No. 169, for the relief of Josephus Barzyk.—Mr. McGregor.

Bill No. 170, for the relief of Florence Mardi Harding.—Mr. Brown.

Bill No. 171, for the relief of Ernest Lavoie.—Mr. Maybank.

#### MEAT RATIONING

##### DISCONTINUANCE IN THE UNITED STATES—CANADIAN POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in a statement released to the press this morning by the United States secretary of agriculture, Mr. C. P. Anderson, it was announced that the government of the United States had decided to discontinue the rationing both of