

*Privilege*

General will be swearing him into the Privy Council this afternoon.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party I want to join in the celebration of the anniversary of the first woman member of Parliament.

The individual in question was an outstanding member by any stretch of the term. She made a signal contribution to the work of this House and this country. She obviously was the precursor of growing numbers of women who are playing a substantial role in this House and in government generally.

It is not too often that I can find something good to say about any of the decisions of the Prime Minister. I do want to say that I have nothing but praise for his recommendation to the Governor General that the Hon. Senator David Croll be summoned to the Privy Council.

David Croll has had one of the most remarkable careers in Canadian public life, coming to this country as a boy with his family as an immigrant from eastern Europe. Between 1930 and 1940 he served as Mayor of Windsor, provincial member for Windsor—Walkerville, and member of the provincial cabinet under the premiership of Mitchell Hepburn in three cabinet portfolios. When he did not agree with his government when it came to organization of workers and unions, he left the cabinet with the words that I think should be an indication of an example for all of us when he said: "I would rather walk with the workers than ride with General Motors".

When the war came in 1939 he joined the Essex Scottish Regiment as a private. He ended the war as a colonel having served overseas. He was then elected to the federal Parliament as Liberal member for Toronto—Spadina, going on to be summoned to the Senate in 1955.

As a member of the Senate he was responsible for outstanding reports, precursors of important initiatives and social policy in the areas of pensions, in the areas of work for the aged and consumer protection.

I am very glad that the Prime Minister has chosen this occasion not only to honour the first woman member of Parliament, Agnes MacPhail, but someone who continues at the age of 90 to be a very distinguished and active parliamentarian, the Hon. Senator David A. Croll.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** I have some questions of privilege. The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

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**PRIVILEGE****COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege arising out of what was said by the government House leader in Question Period.

In one of his answers to the member for York Centre I thought I heard him say that I as House Leader had received a copy of the regulations in question dealing with limitation of demonstrators 50 metres from the House of Commons before they were proclaimed, and that I knew about them at the time they were proclaimed. I want to tell the government House Leader that he is completely wrong in this regard.

The Commissioners of Internal Economy, at the request of a Conservative member of Parliament at the beginning of December of last year, as is on the record of this House, had a discussion about the matter of limitation of demonstrators within 50 metres of the House of Commons. As the record of this House shows, the Speaker wrote to the Minister of Public Works asking that the possibility of regulations be considered. The letter of the Speaker is on the record of this House.

I want to say to this House that I certainly did not see these regulations before they were proclaimed. I was not aware of them at the time they were proclaimed. If I had been, I certainly would have had a lot to say at the time prior to their proclamation.

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, the records of the Board of Internal Economy, of which I was not a member but of which the hon. Leader of the Liberal Party was at the time, show that on November 22 the committee asked the Speaker to write