

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF DOWNING STREET SUMMIT CONFERENCE
DECLARATION AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL MEETING

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, under Standing Order 41(2), copies, in both official languages, of the joint declaration of the Downing Street Summit Conference, as well as the final communiqué of the North Atlantic Council meeting.

* * *

TRANSPORTATION

TABLING OF HALL COMMISSION REPORT ON BRANCH LINES IN
WESTERN CANADA

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, under Standing Order 41(2), copies, in both official languages, of the Hall commission report dealing with certain branch lines in western Canada.

* * *

MULTICULTURALISM

CELEBRATION OF ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL
OF FIRST JAPANESE IMMIGRANT TO CANADA

Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)): Mr. Speaker, beginning this week, Canadians of Japanese descent across Canada will be celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to this country. The efforts of the Japanese Canadian community in contributing to the development of Canadian society, despite their experiences during World War II, are to be commended. They are truly a strength, both in the public and private sectors of our society, and Canada is a much richer society because they, despite their unfortunate experiences, have chosen to continue their contributions to Canada.

In recognition of the very special role played by this ethnocultural group in Canada's history and the significant contribution made by its members to Canadian multicultural society, I request all my colleagues to join with me in offering our warmest congratulations and best wishes to members of the Japanese Canadian community for a successful centennial year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party, may I also extend to Japanese Canadians all across Canada our warmest congratulations on the one-hundredth anniversary of the arrival in Canada of the first Japanese immigrant. The progressiveness of the Japanese community in Canada and their most important contributions in the fields of

Order Paper Questions

commerce, industry, agriculture and the professions are well known. Theirs is a most enviable record, a record of which they can justly be proud. As well, their contribution of Japanese culture to our Canadian multicultural society has enriched, and will continue to enrich, our society immensely.

They have been a source of enrichment in our attempt to reach our ultimate goal, a distinct Canadian culture formed not only by input from our two founding races, the English and French, but input, also, from our native people and from the more than 70 ethnic groups in Canada whose combined numbers now make up one-third of our population. If we all work together in honesty and sincerity, we shall reach that goal and fulfil our aspirations more quickly. To that time we all look forward with much hope and anticipation.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the New Democratic Party I am happy to join in the words of congratulation being expressed today to the Canadians in our midst who are of Japanese origin. It is a significant occasion, the one-hundredth anniversary of the arrival in Canada of the first Japanese immigrant, and it is good that we should pause to think of the contribution this group has made to Canadian life at all levels.

The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas) and I were just saying to each other that the two of us were in this House in the early 1940s when this country did things to Canadians of Japanese origin of which we should still be ashamed. I am glad to note that some reconciliation has taken place and that some correction of the situation of the past is being attempted by the recognition we are now giving to that community. I am happy, on behalf of my party, to join in the words of congratulation which have been expressed today by the minister and by the hon. member who preceded me.

* * *

● (1510)

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,877, 2,209, 2,222 and 2,341.

[Text]

OCEAN DUMPING ACT

Question No. 1,877—**Mr. Brisco:**

1. (a) How many employees were hired to manage the Ocean Dumping Act (b) how many are on the payroll to date (c) where are they located?
2. (a) How many employees are classified as Inspectors (b) where are they located (c) what is the number of ships inspected (i) per week (ii) per month in major Canadian seaports?
3. (a) How many charges have been laid under the Ocean Dumping Act in each port in Canada (b) for what reason were the charges laid (c) what was the general nature of the complaints?