

Reports and Papers

FIRES

RIMOUSKI AND CABANO—TABLING OF
FINAL REPORTS

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to table, in English and in French, copies of the final reports on the fires in Rimouski and Cabano.

TRANSFER OF DUTIES

NATIONAL FILM BOARD—DISPLAYS DIVISION
AND POSTER AND PUBLICATION UNIT

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I wish to table two copies of orders in council passed under the provisions of the Public Service Rearrangement and Transfer of Duties Act, transferring:

1. The control and supervision of the displays division of the national film board, together with its duties, functions and equipment, from the Hon. Robert H. Winters to the exhibitions branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce;
2. The function of the poster and publication unit of the national film board to the advertising division of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery.

THE REGULATIONS ACT

TABLING OF COPIES OF "CANADA GAZETTE"
AND CONSOLIDATION

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Under the Regulations Act the regulations to which they apply have to be tabled within fifteen days after they are published in the *Canada Gazette* if parliament is in session. If parliament is not in session they have to be tabled within fifteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session. I table copies of the *Canada Gazette* (part II) containing the orders in council which appeared on January 10, January 24, and two extra issues of January 18, 1951. I also have for tabling the English version of the consolidated regulations. It consists of five volumes, in which the regulations are arranged I think in proper order. They have been fully indexed for facilitating access to the matter in which any hon. member or any member of the public may be interested.

A suggestion was made that each year there should be a supplement to these regulations. After giving the matter careful consideration it has been thought that we should publish an index every three months with cross references to that portion of the regulations amended by any regulation brought into effect during that period. The index would be in the same form as the index to the statutes, which I think is very helpful. We hope that in this way we shall be doing something which will not only facilitate our own work

tianity then there is no doubt of his future life. When I think of the apostle Paul speaking of the great cloud of witnesses I cannot but think that these three old friends belong now to that assemblage, because the cloud was not then completed. Somebody said, "It is not what we leave behind but what we give away that we take with us." These three friends have left behind such footprints that if we tread in them we shall rise to a higher and better service. *

THE MINISTRY

MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS—
PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): As is already well known, since the end of the last session the Hon. George Prudham has been appointed Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. I now wish to table the order in council in respect of that appointment, which is dated December 13, 1950. I will not attempt to repeat here the welcome we of the cabinet extended to him when he joined our circle, but as a member of this house I think I would be speaking for all hon. members in extending to him best wishes in the discharge of his added responsibilities.

On January 24 Mr. W. M. Benidickson was appointed parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Transport; Mr. Jean Lesage parliamentary assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; Mr. Leopold Langlois parliamentary assistant to the Postmaster General; Mr. E. A. McCusker parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare; and Mr. Ralph Campney parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Defence. Mr. Ralph Maybank, who was formerly parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, has been appointed parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Resources and Development. I wish to table the orders in council relating thereto.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

TABLING OF PROCEEDINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to table copies, in English and in French, of the proceedings of the constitutional conference between the federal and provincial governments of September 25 to September 28, 1950, and December 4 to December 7, 1950; also copies, in English and in French, of the further correspondence between the Prime Minister and the premiers of the provinces respecting those conferences.