

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Friday, March 29, 1935

The house met at three o'clock.

#### PATENTS OF INVENTION

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) moved the first reading of Bill No. 48 (from the Senate) to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents of invention.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### EASTER ADJOURNMENT

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Yesterday I mentioned to my right hon. friend the acting leader of the government (Sir George Perley) that I would inquire to-day of the government as to the possibility of this house concluding its sittings by Easter, and in the event of it not being able so to do, what the plans of the government might be. I expressed the hope that if anything in the nature of an adjournment were necessary because of not having the business completed, it might be a very brief adjournment and that we might reassemble as soon after Easter as possible.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Acting Prime Minister): It seems to me quite evident that we cannot get through the session before Easter.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Why?

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: If hon. gentlemen will allow me I propose to give the reason.

Mr. CASGRAIN: I would like to know.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: The report of the mass buying commission has not yet come in, nor do we know exactly when it will come in. We also have a committee that is discussing the housing problem, one of the most important questions in this country, something in which we are all interested. When these reports come in, the mass buying commission report is handed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce and then has to come before council for consideration, and I submit to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the house, that we certainly expect them to make recommendations

of importance that will need careful consideration by the government and afterwards by this house, and in order to have time to consider the report and prepare legislation I feel sure that we cannot in an orderly manner get through the business of parliament before Easter.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend has answered part of the question; unintentionally no doubt he omitted to answer the other part, that is, whether in the event of having to continue the session after Easter we may expect to have just the customary recess and reassemble as soon as possible thereafter.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I am unable to give an answer to the question today, but it will be carefully considered, and I shall speak to my right hon. friend on the subject as soon as possible.

#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE REPORTED USE OF BLOODHOUNDS TO LOCATE PERSONS LOST IN NOVA SCOTIA FORESTS AND TO TRACK CRIMINALS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): In the Montreal Gazette of March 28, I notice a dispatch from Halifax dated March 27, which reads:

Bloodhounds Will Aid Police in N.S. Woods  
So many people are getting lost in Nova Scotia's woods that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are going to bring in bloodhounds to help track them down.

The announcement is made in the annual report of H division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, tabled in the legislature to-day, which notes that more persons get lost in the Nova Scotia woods than in other sections of Canada.

Besides helping find them, the report says the bloodhounds will be used to trail escaped criminals.

I would like to ask whether, since we are beginning to prohibit the hunting of deer with dogs, the full cabinet have given their consent to this method of tracking down criminals.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice): The answer is in the negative.