

arrangements were being made for the committee to meet some day next week. I have no doubt that the fact that the hon. member has brought the matter to the attention of the house will make the members of the committee realize that all the members of the house are interested in the matters which have been referred to the committee for consideration.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: What steps should a member of that committee take to bring about a meeting. Each week for the past four or five weeks I have asked Mr. Dun and the chairman of this committee to hold a meeting, but without any success. I wonder if the Minister of Justice can tell me what should be done.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I have searched the rules of the house and I have not found anything which deals specifically with that. I understand that the select committees meet upon notice which the clerk of the committees causes to be inserted in *Votes and Proceedings*. I am sure that the hon. gentleman, who is a member of the committee, will experience no difficulty in arranging with the chairman of the committee or with the clerk of committees to have a notice of meeting published in *Votes and Proceedings*.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): I had some difficulty in connection with the public accounts committee. I brought it up in the house once or twice and finally I asked the Prime Minister about it. He suggested that there was a certain procedure which should be followed and he was good enough to give me the procedure. He said that any member of our party who had been appointed a member of the public accounts committee could write to the clerk of committees. That was done at once by one of our members, and although the committee had been set up quite a while before, we finally did get action. I think that is the procedure that must be followed, if I can take the Prime Minister's word on that particular point.

There is another matter I should like to bring up in connection with the radio broadcasting committee. Surely the government has some responsibility in connection with these committees. It is all very well to try to throw it off on private members, but there is some responsibility upon the government to take action with respect to these committees. On May 7, the radio broadcasting committee was set up, but since this other matter came up I have been making inquiries and I find that nothing has been done to

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call this committee. That was three weeks ago, and there is a lot of work to be done by this committee. If we are to finish this session within any reasonable length of time we may have the same result that we had last year, that is, the report of the committee will be left to the last and there will be no opportunity to discuss it, perhaps no opportunity even to move concurrence. Then there is likely to be criticism of hon. members if they attempt at the next session to discuss matters that should have been discussed at this session.

This committee is under the jurisdiction of the Minister of National War Services, and I should like him to make some explanation as to why the committee has not met. I feel that the government has a responsibility, even greater than that resting on private members, with respect to the calling of these committees and seeing that they function.

Hon. L. R. LaFLECHE (Minister of National War Services): I am hardly in position to give an explanation to the leader of the opposition, but I am in position to express my gratitude to him for having brought up this matter. Having assured myself that certain gentlemen who I understand will be called as witnesses will be available at an early day, yesterday I suggested to certain gentlemen who are members of the committee that we should have an early meeting. I am sure these hon. gentlemen will get busy and do as requested.

ICE

RESTRICTIONS OF DELIVERIES TO THREE TIMES A WEEK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. C. ABBOTT (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the question which was asked on Friday of last week by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Leclerc) who said that he had received several complaints with regard to the order of the wartime prices and trade board prohibiting ice deliveries to private residences oftener than three times a week, and urged that deliveries be authorized at least four times a week.

The wartime prices and trade board have considered the situation and although the hon. member is not in his seat he will be glad to learn that the order has been amended providing that for the period commencing May 31, 1943, and ending October 2, 1943, distributors may make regular deliveries of ice to an ordinary place of residence up to six times each week provided that not more than one such delivery shall be made to any one place of residence on any one week-day.