

am saying that if there was an understanding I certainly knew nothing of it.

Mr. BROOKS: That is the cause of all the trouble today.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I come back to the point we are discussing now, namely compensation for merchant seamen. I would not have left that but for the fact that the hon. member for Vancouver South said merchant seamen were being treated shamefully. I do not think Canada is treating her merchant seamen shamefully, and I should like to put on record the benefits this country is giving to its merchant seamen. Then, if I cannot prove my point to the satisfaction of the hon. gentleman I shall let the house decide whether or not the benefits given are satisfactory.

Mr. GREEN: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I was going to put on record the benefits Canada has not given her merchant seamen. If the minister is now going to say what benefits Canada has given them, then I submit we are entitled to put on record the benefits she is not giving.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The minister raised a point of order with respect to a discussion of benefits generally. Do I understand that now he desires to put on record the benefits which are given under the compensation act?

Mr. CHEVRIER: No, I was going to do much more than that. I believe I should be fair with the house, however, and I think the point of my hon. friend is well taken. I was interested in denying the statement my hon. friend has made. He objects to my putting this on the record. There will be another opportunity to do so at a later day.

Mr. GREEN: I do not object to the minister putting it on record if we are allowed to put on record the other side of the story.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the minister agrees that it would not be in order for him to put his statement on record without unanimous consent, and I am sure he will not do so.

Mr. GRAYDON: Should not both sides be put on the record?

Mr. CHEVRIER: I was simply replying to the charge that our merchant seamen had been dealt with shamefully. A number of questions have been asked to which I could reply seriatim, but perhaps in view of the hour I should reply when we get into committee on the bill.

Mr. GRAYDON: The public should, I think, have both sides of the story.

[Mr. Chevrier.]

Mr. CHEVRIER: The public will have both sides.

Mr. GRAYDON: You had better put on your side and the hon. member for Vancouver South will put on his side.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Golding in the chair.

Progress reported.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

MOTION TO INCLUDE IN OFFICIAL REPORT ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND PROCEEDINGS AT UNVEILING OF PORTRAITS

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, might I have the consent of the house to revert to motions in order to make at this time the usual motion about putting in as an appendix to *Hansard* the speeches made yesterday afternoon and today. If I have consent I move:

That the speeches delivered at the unveiling of the portraits of the late Right Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden and the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King on Tuesday, June 10th instant, and also the address delivered by Mr. Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, before the members of the Senate and the House of Commons in the chamber of the House of Commons today, the 11th of June, 1947, together with the introductory and related speeches, be included in the House of Commons debates and form part of the records of this parliament.

Motion agreed to.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

SUPPLY

VETERANS AFFAIRS—VETERANS' TAXI OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

Right Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee of supply.

Mr. G. S. WHITE (Hastings-Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, before you leave the chair there is a matter I should like to bring to the attention of the house. I am glad that the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Mackenzie) is here tonight and that it was not necessary for me to go on last night in his absence. The matter which I wish to refer to is a matter which I attempted to bring before the house last Thursday on a motion to adjourn the house. At that time Mr. Speaker was of the opinion