

them to discharge their obligations with respect to education and social welfare, and not to get rid of them—

And they ended their note with:

(Translation):

We are making this correction even before being requested to do so by Hon. Mr. Claxton, because it is a matter of justice.

(Text):

As it happens, I have the text of the speech referred to, as delivered in French and English. What I said in English was:

In its proposals to the provinces, the dominion government has tried to put the provinces in a position where they could properly discharge their constitutional responsibilities. It is not centralization for the federal government to offer to pay Quebec \$57 million for what was never before worth to the province more than \$31 million. The dominion is trying to avoid double taxation and treat all Canada on an equal basis so as to enable every part to develop its resources and discharge its responsibilities for the education and well-being of the people.

A French translation was given to the press at the same time. It will be seen from the foregoing that what I said was actually—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. CLAXTON: —almost exactly the reverse of what the hon. member for Beauharnois-Laprairie quoted me as saying.

Mr. FERGUSON: I submit that in making a speech at this stage the minister is out of order.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. FERGUSON: I am tired of listening to that.

Mr. CLAXTON: I am sure that like *L'Action Catholique* the hon. member for Beauharnois-Laprairie will be the first to regret the error made.

MR. DROPE—FLOOR PRICE ON BUTTER

Mr. R. E. DROPE (Northumberland, Ont.): The hon. member for Victoria, B.C., (Mr. Mayhew) is reported on page 3127 of *Hansard* as saying that in my speech of May 8, I asked for a subsidy on butter. I wish to correct the hon. member and I refer him to page 2892 of *Hansard*. What I said was: If the ceiling price and rationing are to be continued, a floor price should be put on butter.

PETITION

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I desire to present and endorse a petition signed by Mr. John Beckett and

256,282 others. It is very short, and I would therefore ask permission to read it to the house.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the hon. member the consent of the house to read the petition?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. COLDWELL: It reads:

To the Honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Dominion of Canada humbly sheweth:

That, in the opinion of your petitioners, the present standard of old age pensions is grossly inadequate to provide a life of security and dignity to the aged people of this dominion.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable house may be pleased, during the present session of parliament, to amend the Old Age Pensions Act

(a) to provide pensions of not less than fifty dollars per month at age of sixty-five,

(b) to eliminate the means test,

(c) to provide, in addition to the basic pension, a cost of living supplement, invalidity supplement, and free medical, dental, optical and hospital care, and

(d) to provide that all such pensions be paid in full from the dominion treasury.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 206, to amend the Act incorporating The Canadian Council of The Girl Guides Association.—Mr. Ross (St. Paul's).

WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1939

AMENDMENT CONFINING PROVISIONS OF ACT TO FUNDS ALREADY REGISTERED

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Defence, for the Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved the first reading of Bill No. 205, to amend the War Charities Act, 1939.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

HUMAN RIGHTS

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS—OBLIGATIONS UNDER UNITED NATIONS CHARTER—APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Right Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs, for the Prime Minister) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That a joint committee of both houses of parliament be appointed and that Messrs. Benidickson, Breithaupt, Croll, Sinclair (Ontario), Belzile, Beaudoin, Pinard, Lesage, Marier, Rinfret, Whitman, Iisley, Insnor, Michaud, Maybank, Mayhew, Diefenbaker, Fulton, Hackett, Hark-