

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 12, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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HON. MEMBER FOR FORT WILLIAM—
BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. H. A. MacKenzie (Lambton-Kent): I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. Before parliament assembles here on Monday, the senior statesman of this house will commemorate his birthday and pass another milestone. I refer to the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) who, on Sunday the 14th, will celebrate the 81st anniversary of his birth. He is the youngest of the older men in the house, and is an example to us all of what clean living and right thinking will do for us. I am sure the members will go along with me in extending to him our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns of this memorable occasion.

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): I appreciate the courtesy and kindness very much. I do not feel old as yet, and I am going to live as long as I am living. I am sure that He who keeps His eye on the sparrow will keep His eye on "old Dan".

PRIVATE BILLS

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West) moved the first reading of Bill No. 252 (from the Senate), respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McIlraith: The purpose of this bill is to seek the authority of parliament—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. McIlraith: Some hon. members asked for an explanation, and I do not want to appear to be in the position of refusing them. I have no desire to explain it, I assure you, but I do not want to be put in the position of having appeared to refuse an explanation to members who asked for it.

Mr. Knowles: On the point of order—

Mr. Speaker: Order. If unanimous consent of the house is not given, the explanation,

no matter how succinct it may be, is not allowed. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 253, for the relief of Gloria Alphonsine Timmins Ferguson.—Mr. Hunter.
Bill No. 254, for the relief of Adella Alice McNeil Slobosky.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 255, for the relief of Vera Marguerite Hennigar Isenring.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 256, for the relief of Sylvia Golbas Lann.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 257, for the relief of Lucy Jane Cole Judd.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 258, for the relief of Walter Hardy Willows.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 259, for the relief of Elizabeth Temple Jamieson Grier.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 260, for the relief of Herbert William Bateman-Cooke.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 261, for the relief of Rita Ann Rennie Knight.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 262, for the relief of Mavis Josephine Green Jackson.—Mr. Hunter.

CRIMINAL CODE

INQUIRY AS TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK OF
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Can the Minister of Justice say, now that the other house has approved the motion to set up this committee, when it is proposed to proceed with the committee on the criminal law?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): I believe, Mr. Speaker, we can proceed in the very near future, probably next week.

Mr. Fulton: I would hope it would not be delayed.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

FISCAL AND MONETARY MEASURES TO TAKE
CARE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Macdonnell (Greenwood): May I ask the Minister of Finance a question, of which I gave him notice yesterday. Can the