

terrible errors committed by capitalism, but decent people of all parties in this country are trying to work out something in the way of a remedy for the condition that exists, and I submit that we should not take the attitude of always belittling our own country. We should not take the attitude that Canada has done so badly, because the fact of the matter is that she has done better than any other country in the world.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Monday, March 11, 1935

The house met at three o'clock.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

ELECTION OF HON. RAYMOND MORAND, M.D.,
MEMBER FOR EAST ESSEX

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, owing to the unfortunate death of Mr. LaVergne last week, the office of Chairman of Committees is now vacant. This office carries with it the duties of Deputy Speaker. I move:

That the Hon. Raymond Morand, M.D., member for the electoral district of East Essex, Ontario, be appointed Chairman of the Committees of the whole house.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I would like simply to say that Doctor Morand has evidently made himself popular on both sides of this house—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY:—a very desirable attribute for the Chairman of the Committee. Doctor Morand is getting to be one of the older members now, as he was first elected in 1925, and I feel sure he will carry out his duties in this office with impartiality and satisfaction to both sides of the house.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): It will be apparent to Your Honour that as far as it is possible for hon. members on this side to make the motion of my right hon. friend unanimous, we are only too ready so to do. The house generally will regard the nomination of the hon. member for East Essex as a very happy one. He possesses the temperament and other qualities which eminently fit him for the position of Chairman of the Com-

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mittees of the house and Deputy Speaker, and I am sure we shall all have reason to take pride in the manner in which he presides, in his impartiality and his general efficiency.

Mr. E. J. GARLAND (Bow River): Probably as far as this section of the house is concerned I have been more closely associated with the hon. member for East Essex than most others, especially in connection with the work of the radio committee. I must say that if he can handle the house as elegantly and harmoniously as he handled that committee—as I think he will—no mistake has been made in his appointment. I feel sure that we can offer him our cooperation and congratulations.

Motion agreed to.

CANADA-FRANCE TRADE AGREEMENT

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Acting Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 32, respecting the additional protocol of 1935 to the Canada-France trade agreement of 1933.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Explain

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: This bill is for the purpose of enacting changes in the arrangement between Canada and France which have been made by mutual consent, and which will appear in the bill itself

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 31 for the relief of Travor Eardley-Wilmot.—Mr. Bell (St. Antoine).

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

EMPIRE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND RECIPROcity WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. SEGUIN:

Considering the results of the agreements of the imperial conference, held at Ottawa, could Canada immediately put into operation a general reciprocity treaty with the United States without previously obtaining the authorization of the British government.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: No authorization from the British government would be necessary but in negotiating any trade treaty we must bear in mind the obligations entered into under existing trade agreements.