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the evidence of the royal commission on price spreads and mass buying; five copies of the minutes of proceedings and the evidence of the special committee on price spreads and mass buying, and five copies of the index to the minutes of proceedings and evidence, which index covers both the royal commission and the special committee.

I desire to say that it is my regret that the French version is not yet ready but it will be tabled in the course of a few days. A French version of the résumé of the contents of the report in mimeographed form is available to hon. gentlemen.

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (East Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give notice of the following motion:

That whereas this house on February 13, 1934, appointed a select special committee of the house on price spreads and mass buying; and whereas said committee had not finished its work at the close of the session of 1934:

And whereas said committee was later continued as a royal commission under part one of the Inquiries Act;

And whereas the report of the said commission, based upon evidence taken before both the committee and the commission, was laid on the table of the house on April 12, 1935;

Be it resolved that the report of the royal commission on price spreads be adopted.

FAIR TRADE BOARD

On the orders for motions:

Mr. J. A. FRASER (Cariboo): Mr. Speaker, I desire to present a petition signed by Mr. Frank S. Scott and approximately 30,000 retail merchants throughout Canada praying for the creation of a fair trade board to work in conjunction with the provincial governments but to function under continuous federal government supervision and control, to adopt and maintain fair trade practices throughout Canada.

PRIVILEGE—MR. STEWART (Leeds)

On the order for motions:

Hon. H. A. STEWART (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege I desire to refer to page 2858 of unrevised Hansard. The hon. member for West Middlesex (Mr. Elliott) asked a question to which I made the following reply:

I think I can give that, but if I may be allowed to complete the whole statement, I shall be glad to do that. So far the contracts have all been let to the lowest tenderer. The list continues:

I should have stated that the contracts had been let either to the lowest tenderer or at the amount of the lowest tender. When the

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matter comes up again, I propose to accede to my hon. friend's request and give a list of the cases in which contracts were awarded to other than the lowest tenderer but at the amount of the lowest tender.

ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY

Right-Hon. Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in rising to move that a loyal address be voted to His Majesty the King, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne, I feel I should begin by expressing my genuine regret at the fact that the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) himself is not here to perform this duty. It would be most fitting, of course, that the leader of this house should move such an address, and I am sure that the house will agree with me when I state that no person could do it better or with more feeling than the Prime Minister.

I consider myself fortunate in being called upon in his stead on this occasion. Representing Canada as I did for some years in the United Kingdom, I had the great privilege of coming into frequent personal contact with His Majesty, and I share with all those who have had a similar privilege, feelings of great admiration and profound respect as well as of loyal devotion. As the house may know, I was High Commissioner and Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada during a very trying period of His Majesty's rule; a period when the fortunes of his throne and of his empire were put to the stern test of armed conflict.

In the storm and stress of those difficult times, His Majesty gave his people the inspiration of great leadership, steady optimism and self-sacrificing devotion. Without ostentation, he kept in the closest possible touch with all the activities of his people. He visited the training camps, the armies in France and Belgium, the fleet at Scapa Flow, munitions plants throughout the country, and hospitals and convalescent homes. As I was privileged to be present on many of these occasions I can assure the house from personal knowledge that his simple human sympathy and his calm unremitting devotion to duty cheered and steadied the country. In all these things the king was always assisted and supported by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and so in those dark days of war, as well as in the even more difficult tests of peace that followed, Their Majesties won for themselves, once and for all, an imperishable place in the hearts and minds of the people of the whole British commonwealth.