

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, September 29, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

ONTARIO APPLES

APPRECIATION OF GIFT OF MEMBER FOR LEEDS

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, out of the goodness of his heart someone occasionally provides a treat for members of this house; and today we have on our desks these beautiful apples. We thank the donor, but so far as I am concerned the apples would taste far sweeter if the gift were shared by all those in the house, including the page boys and others.

Mr. G. A. Cruickshank (Fraser Valley): May I say a word in appreciation of these apples which have been given to us by an hon. member from Ontario—in lively anticipation of the British Columbia apples we shall be given later, which will be of a much greater size.

Mr. G. T. Fulford (Leeds): These apples were presented to me on Monday, as I was leaving Brockville. They are McIntosh Reds, and were grown by a resident of the county of Leeds. I hope they prove that the apples of eastern Ontario will stand up against those grown anywhere else in Canada. As you know, Mr. Speaker, eastern Ontario is the home of the McIntosh Red.

EXCHEQUER COURT ACT

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND TIME FOR APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT, ETC.

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved the first reading of Bill No. 8 (from the Senate) to amend the Exchequer Court Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ACT

AMENDMENT TO MAKE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved the first reading of Bill No. 9 (from the Senate) to amend the Department of Justice Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

S.S. "NORTHUMBERLAND"—DAMAGED BY FIRE

Mr. Church:

1. What has been done to replace the steamer *Northumberland* which was burnt at Port Dalhousie?

2. Was an inquiry held into the burning of the *Northumberland*?

3. If so, what was the nature of the inquiry?

4. How long had this ship been in use and what inspection was made of it?

5. Was this ship not already in commission when the accident happened?

Mr. Chevrier:

1. The Canadian National Railways advise that no plans are at present under consideration for the replacement of the steamer *Northumberland*.

2 and 3. The usual casualty report was made to the collector of customs as required by the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, and on the basis of this report it was considered that no further inquiry under the Canada Shipping Act was necessary.

4. The S.S. *Northumberland* was built in 1891. She had undergone the regular inspection as required by the Canada Shipping Act, 1934.

5. The S.S. *Northumberland* had not commenced her season's work when the fire occurred. Some of the crew were on board the ship, but her annual inspection had not yet been completed, and the inspection certificate which was necessary before she would be permitted to commence operation had not been issued.

IMPORTS OF POTATOES AND OTHER STARCHES

Mr. Hatfield:

1. What was the value and quantity of potato starch imported into Canada in the year 1949 to date?

2. What was the quantity of other starches, and value, imported into Canada during the same period?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. Imports, "potato starch and potato flour", January 1 to July 31, 1949—766,980 lbs., valued at \$49,948.

2. Imports, "starch, including corn starch, and all preparations having the quality of starch, n.o.p.", January 1 to July 31, 1949—1,947,752 lbs., valued at \$117,806.

INCOME TAX—MEDICAL EXPENSES— AMBULANCE SERVICES

Mr. Hansell:

Are ambulance services considered to be part of medical expenses for the purpose of income taxes, and if not, in what way does the government consider them not to be?

Mr. Mayhew: Amounts paid for ambulance services are not included in the medical expenses set forth in subsection (b) of section 26 of the Income Tax Act.