

criticism which we have heard in this house and seen in the newspapers and in other countries. I repeat, I believe with all my heart and soul that if the world has been saved from war since 1921, Britain is responsible for having maintained the peace of the world.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: And it is equally true to-day.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): I think the same is true to-day. It is now eleven o'clock, and I shall conclude with this question: What is the foreign policy of Canada? The foreign policy of Canada is to keep Canada out of war; to try to keep Canada at peace; to be peaceful with all the countries of the world; to have those family relations, of which my right hon. friend speaks, with the other members of the commonwealth; to avoid offensive language towards other countries, and to save Canada for the destinies which are ahead of her.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Progress reported.

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

Wednesday, May 25, 1938

The house met at three o'clock.

ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following letter:

Ottawa, 25th May, 1938.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to-day, Wednesday, the 25th May, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,

Assistant Secretary to the
Governor General.

PETITION

REQUEST OF HALIFAX EAST INSHORE FISHING
INDUSTRY FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
TRAWLER LICENSING

On the order for motions:

Mr. R. E. FINN (Halifax): I desire under this order and under the rules of the house—the rule has now been changed—to present

a petition signed by 1,500 fishermen along the coast of Nova Scotia in the county of Halifax. In invoking the rule in reference to presenting petitions I desire to present the names of the petitioners, living in these fishing villages from Ecum Secum to Hubbards. I do not desire to take up the time of the house, because the business of the house should be proceeded with; may I therefore, with the indulgence of the house, without reading the names, have them become a part of the record when the petition is laid upon the table? If that meets with the approval of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett), the leaders of other groups in the house, and hon. members generally, I am content to do it in that way.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Read it.

Mr. FINN: "We, the undersigned—

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member should present his petition, and when it is presented it will be considered and he may then move, if he wishes, that it be read by the clerk at the table.

Mr. FINN: I do not propose that. I am well within the rules of the house in presenting this petition under this order. I have a perfect right to invoke the rule in order that I may read the names of these 1,500 people. But I do not propose to do that; all I ask is that the names become a part of the record in Hansard when the petition is laid on the table of the house.

Mr. SPEAKER: It will be in order for the hon. member to lay his petition on the table of the house.

Mr. FINN: With the understanding that it becomes a part of the record.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. FINN: Then I shall invoke the rule and read the names. Hon. members must take one horn of the dilemma or the other.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not think it is the practice to read a petition in that way. Petitions are generally presented at the table to the clerk of the house. The other day the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Neill) moved that a petition be read, but it was a short petition—

Mr. FINN: I do not think the length or shortness of the petition alters the rule. I desired not to keep the house from getting on with its business. If the house is agreeable under the rule that these names shall become a part of the record in Hansard I am content.