

Montreal Bridge Tolls

bridge to be met, and any action by this government to free it from tolls would undoubtedly, unless some arrangement were arrived at, release the guarantors from their obligations and release the payment of bonuses. Therefore, we are not free to do as we would like until such time as adjustments have been made both with the city of Montreal and the province of Quebec.

Mr. DUPUIS: May I say to the Prime Minister that both bridges were in the same condition previous to the elections. He came into my riding of Laprairie-Napierville and promised that.

Mr. BENNETT: Oh, no.

Mr. DUPUIS: He promised to reduce the tolls on both bridges.

Mr. BENNETT: They have been reduced; the tolls on the harbour bridge have been reduced by consent.

Mr. DUPUIS: But not enough.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. PETER VENIOT (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General (Mr. Sauvé). I understand he is unavoidably absent so perhaps my question will be placed on Hansard to be answered to-morrow. I should like to know if the Post Office Department has given any consideration to the issuing of a commemorative stamp in connection with the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of New Brunswick.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): A new stamp has been issued but I should like this matter to stand until the Postmaster General (Mr. Sauvé) makes a statement.

WINDSOR RADIO STATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. D. EULER (North Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau) whether a new licence has been issued to the radio station in Windsor following the order in council passed some considerable time ago which provided for a lease between the radio commission and this station.

Hon. ALFRED DURANLEAU (Minister of Marine): I think an arrangement has been made, but I have received no definite report from the radio commission.

[Mr. Bennett.]

Mr. EULER: Would the minister say if it is the intention of the commission to carry out that agreement after the close of the session?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I cannot answer for the commission at the present time.

BANK OF CANADA—BILINGUAL CURRENCY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. VINCENT DUPUIS (Laprairie-Napierville) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, the "Devoir" of Montreal, dated June 26, 1934, publishes a report of the evening celebration of the St. Jean Baptiste society, in the course of which the hon. Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau) spoke. The report states that certain persons in the audience at Park Lafontaine wanted to know why the Minister of Marine had not voted on the amendment with reference to bilingual currency. Hecklers prevented him from replying. I offer him an opportunity to reply in the house, does he accept?

Hon. Mr. DURANLEAU (Minister of Marine) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, my views on the question are well known, since I am a member of the government, and that the bill, such as approved by the committee, constitutes a government measure. My hon. friend is perfectly aware why I was unable to be present; I was called elsewhere on business, and I may add that the part of the report to which he refers is not in accordance with the facts.

BANK OF CANADA

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) (for the Minister of Finance) moved the third reading of Bill No. 19, to incorporate the Bank of Canada.

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Speaker, before the house passes upon the third reading of what is to my mind the most important legislation of the present session, and having due regard for the desire manifested to expedite the business of the house, I wish to state as briefly, as concisely and as succinctly as I can the reasons why I believe this bill should be referred back to the committee of the whole house in order to amend it in certain vital, essential and fundamental ways. Before I enter upon the consideration of the vital objections which I have to this bill as it now stands, I desire to make a few observations from the report of that great economic body, the Macmillan committee on finance