

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Oh, Mr. Speaker is in control of the house; I am appealing his ruling.

Mr. BRACKEN: May I make a brief comment on the point of order? The hon. member for Fraser Valley has moved the adjournment of the house to permit the discussion of an urgent problem facing his community, and Your Honour has ruled that at this point it is out of order. The same decision has been made on similar occasions previously, and supported by the house. I should like to make the observation that immediately before the orders of the day are called, the motion would be in order.

Mr. ILSLEY: That is right.

Mr. BRACKEN: We have not yet come to the orders of the day. But immediately prior to that—

Mr. MACKENZIE: Yes, we have.

Mr. BRACKEN: Prior to that it may be moved.

Mr. ILSLEY: I suppose it is purely by indulgence of the house that I speak to the point of order. However, there seems to be a feeling among hon. members that the ruling is wrong, or that it is not justified. May I point out that this same ruling has been made time and time again. The standing order states:

Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the house (when made for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance) must be asked after the ordinary daily routine of business (standing order No. 15) has been concluded and before notices of motions or orders of the day are entered upon.

And if one refers to standing order 15 he finds out what is meant by "the ordinary daily routine of business". One finds this:

The ordinary daily routine of business in the house shall be as follows: Presenting reports by standing and select committees; motions; introduction of bills; first readings of senate bills.

The ruling has been made repeatedly in the house, as it has been to-day, that the motion must be made after the ordinary daily routine of business, as defined in standing order 15, is concluded.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I will move it tomorrow.

#### TAXATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. D. SHAW (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the budget is in course of preparation, would the minister kindly accept and give consideration to twenty-two telegrams directed to him by

farmers in my area having to do with the adverse effects of the present taxation policy upon farm production?

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am receiving about four hundred suggestions each day with regard to the budget. I shall be very glad to add those to the list.

#### MEAT

##### REMOVAL OF PRICE CEILINGS FROM RED AND BLUE BRAND BEEF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. MAYHEW (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, if I may now proceed with the answer I began somewhat earlier, I would say that yesterday the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe) asked the minister if it was true that the recent order removing the price ceiling from red and blue brand beef applies only to government-inspected beef shipped from abattoirs. Then he asked, whether if it was true that the order applied only to government-inspected beef, whether the government would take into consideration making the same provision in respect of prime carcasses of beef produced from other sources. The answer to the first question is yes, at wholesale levels only. The second question is answered by the first.

I think it would be well at this time to place on *Hansard* the press release of May 26, 1946, from the wartime prices and trade board, which states:

In an effort to facilitate the movement of cattle and provide a better beef supply during the present seasonal shortage, price ceilings at wholesale on beef carcasses grading "red" brand or "blue" brand according to government standards will be temporarily suspended from May 27 until July 20, wartime prices and trade board announced to-day.

The retail price ceiling on both these grades and on all other qualities will remain at the present level and no higher prices will be paid by the consumer. Present pricing regulations governing retail prices of commercial quality beef will apply to all sales at retail of blue brand beef. Ceiling prices at both wholesale and retail of all grades and qualities other than the two mentioned above will remain unchanged.

#### REDISTRIBUTION

##### AMENDMENT TO BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT AS TO RULES FOR READJUSTMENT OF REPRESENTATION

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. St. Laurent for an address to His Majesty the King praying that a measure be laid before