

who will move this motion will not be called to order by the Speaker; and after the motion will have been put, I shall indeed be very happy, acting as the voice of the House of Commons, to say, without hesitation; Carried. (Translation):

Mr. Attlee, while very heavy responsibilities and duties are devolved on the Speaker of the House of Commons, he also enjoys privileges that are most delightful, as is the case this afternoon, I am pleased indeed to avail myself of this opportunity to offer you in my mother tongue the heartiest welcome on behalf of the French-Canadian group and to thank you most sincerely for having accepted, on the invitation of the Prime Minister, to address a joint sitting of the two houses of the Canadian parliament.

I wish to assure you that my French-Canadian fellow-citizens are glad of your visit, for they have not forgotten the heroic stand of your country in the war that has just ended and they are grateful to Great Britain and her people who have to a great extent been responsible for the united nations' victory. They also recall the outstanding part you have played in those difficult years, alongside the former prime minister of Great Britain, Right Honourable Winston Churchill, in the administration of your country.

Let me add that if we in Canada have always put our confidence in the courage and valour of the British people in the darkest days, we look no less confidently to your great country for the maintenance of the unity and the co-operation among united nations which have brought victory to us, and which will ensure us for the future a lasting peace wherein we may find the guarantee of a better world.

The proceedings were concluded by the singing of God Save the King.

Tuesday, November 20, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved:

That the name of Mr. Jaenicke be substituted for that of Mr. Knowles on the committee on external affairs.

Motion agreed to.

POSTAL SERVICE

PARCELS FOR TRANSMISSION TO ITALY

Hon. ERNEST BERTRAND (Postmaster General): Up to the present, gift parcels for Italy could be sent only up to a weight limit

of four pounds to the islands of Sardinia and Sicily, as well as to the cities of Rome and Naples and Vatican City state. I am now glad to say that arrangements have just been completed under which the parcel post service to Italy has been extended to all areas excluding the provinces of Gorizia, Fiume, Trieste, Pola and Zara, but including the cities of Gorizia, Trieste and Pola. The weight limit has been extended from four pounds to eleven pounds, and instructions have already been issued to the postal service in this connection.

This parcel post service has been placed in operation under the same conditions as at present applying to parcel post services from Canada to other countries on the continent to which such services have been resumed.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): As to weight, is there any limit, in the composition of parcels, to the proportion comprising food and the proportion covering other things?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): There are certain regulations which I am unable to indicate at the moment. I know that there is a certain limitation on foodstuffs. As regards England, it is up to seven pounds, but I do not remember what it is for other countries. I will get the details for the hon. member.

THE PRIME MINISTER

EXPRESSIONS OF WELCOME ON HIS RETURN AFTER VISIT TO BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): Before the orders of the day are called I should like on behalf of the party I have the honour to represent, and in this respect I should like to think on behalf of the whole house, to extend to the Prime Minister a very cordial welcome home after his approximately seven weeks abroad. I am sure we have all read with interest the account of his movements overseas during this period. We are glad to see him back, improved in health and strength and ready again to associate with us in trying to serve Canada for the remainder of this session and in the days ahead.

If I may be permitted to do so, I should like to commend him for such part as he had to play in formulating the tripartite statement with respect to the control and use of atomic energy, and in the effort of the three democratic leaders to see that it is used for the promotion of the arts of peace rather than in the arts of destruction. May I say also that I trust his visit to Britain and to the United States has resulted in still further cementing the good relations between those two great countries and as well between our-