

the principles for which Macdonald and all the Fathers of Confederation worked, laboured and stood for. There is another inscription on the west side of the peace tower that describes those principles just as well. It is high above eye level and very few people notice it. It reads:

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

That is why I rise today in tribute to this great man of vision, who as a boy trod the fertile fields of Lennox and later the streets of Napanee and Picton as a young and newly articulated lawyer in the service of George MacKenzie and who in later years came to this capital to labour as the main architect in the building of a great nation, for which we are thankful today. Macdonald was the immortal, first Prime Minister of this country, greatest among the great, who served Canada and the everlasting principles for which she stands today, a product of his genius, a free and independent nation respected throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Victoria (B.C.) rising on the same subject?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria (B.C.)): Yes, Mr. Speaker. It might come as a surprise to you, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to remind hon. members of this house that in the years 1878 until 1882 Sir John A. Macdonald was the representative of the constituency which I now have the honour to represent, Victoria, British Columbia. I would like to associate myself with the remarks that have been made today in this house.

Mr. Speaker: By way of conclusion may I say that hon. members are invited to foregather later this afternoon at six o'clock in room 16 to fraternize in the spirit of Sir John A. Macdonald day.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of us, I should think no one would appreciate that gesture more than Sir John A. Macdonald himself.

On behalf of the Prime Minister, who as everyone in this house knows, is in Kingston today participate in commemorative events in honour of Sir John A. Macdonald, I should like to table a copy of a minute of a meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on January 4, 1967.

This minute of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, ad-

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vises that a proclamation be issued fixing Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1967 for the commemoration of the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, in this year of observance of the centennial of the confederation of Canada.

The house will be interested to know that the Prime Minister is today making an announcement that is, in my judgment, in every way consistent with the principles Sir John A. Macdonald held dear. He has announced that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to approve his recommendation that the premiers of all the provinces of Canada be appointed members of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. The membership of the premiers in the privy council in this centennial year symbolizes in a most fitting way the unity in diversity that is so basic a feature of the history of this country. It was to the achievement and preservation of that unity, while respecting the diversity that the provinces embody, that Sir John A. Macdonald devoted his life.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a release of the Prime Minister's office announcing that His Excellency the Governor General has approved the Prime Minister's recommendation that the premiers of the provinces be appointed members of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CONSIDERATION BY JOINT COMMITTEE OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS

On the order: Government notices of motion:

January 9—the Prime Minister—

That a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to consider and from time to time to report upon the subject matter of the following proposed resolution: "That the government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to provide that 'O Canada' shall be the National Anthem of Canada while 'God Save the Queen' shall be the Royal Anthem in Canada";

That 12 members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members of the joint committee; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that house to unite with this house for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed joint committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21, this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day.