

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 26, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

STANDING COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS—FIFTH REPORT

Fifth report of standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.—Mr. Winkler.

RAILWAYS, CANALS AND TELEGRAPH LINES— CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works) moved:

That the name of Mr. Jaenicke be substituted for that of Mr. Herridge on the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SIT WHILE HOUSE IS SITTING

Mr. Matthew MacLean (Cape Breton North-Victoria) moved:

That the standing committee on standing orders be granted leave to sit while the house is sitting.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS

SENATE BILLS—MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 105

Mr. H. W. Winkler (Lisgar) moved:

That, for the remainder of the session, all private bills from the Senate, when received from that house, be read a first and second time and be referred forthwith, and that standing order 105 respecting the posting of private bills be suspended.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Dorion: No. On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, this motion requires forty-eight hours' notice.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Winkler moves, by leave of the house—

Mr. Dorion: No; he needs unanimous consent, and I do not consent.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member has not the unanimous consent of the house, I cannot put the motion.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

QUARTERBACKS CLUB—PRESENTATION OF MEM- BERSHIP CREDENTIALS TO PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. A. L. Smith (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker on a point of personal privilege—indeed, it is a very special personal privilege

—may I say that in the place in which I live, and whence I have just returned, we have recently had two distinguished visitors. While they were there we tried to do them honour. I am most happy to inform you, sir, that the Right Hon. Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. St. Laurent) and the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew)—

An hon. Member: No, not "right honourable".

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): —the hon. leader of the opposition—

Mr. MacNicol: He will be "right honourable".

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): This is not wishful thinking, sir. We wish to do them all honour, and it is my privilege to inform them that the Prime Minister has been made honorary president of the Calgary Stampeders Quarterbacks club, while the leader of the opposition has been made honorary vice-president. I now give them the credentials which will for ever prove the great honour which they have achieved outside this chamber.

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Leader of the Opposition and I are grateful for this testimonial of the regard in which we are held in the delightful city of Calgary.

Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I too wish to express appreciation of this membership, which of course will give us special privileges when we are able to attend the Calgary stampede this year.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE—AGE LIMIT FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John O. Probe (Regina City): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Transport, of which I have given notice. Will the minister please inform the house as to the position taken by his department with respect to the age limit of members of the Canadian merchant marine eligible for educational benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and under what circumstances this age limit has been waived for extenuating reasons?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): The committee on veterans affairs