

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
SECRETARY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Ottawa, September 12, 1939.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate chamber on the thirteenth day of September, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,

Assistant Secretary to the
Governor General.

EUROPEAN WAR

REPORTED ORGANIZATION OF DIVISIONS FOR SERVICE
OVERSEAS

Hon. R. J. MANION (Leader of the Opposition): Might I ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) or the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Mackenzie) a question? I am informed that the Vancouver *Sun* to-day announced that two Canadian divisions are now being organized and equipped for service overseas. Is this true or is it just a rumour?

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Minister of National Defence): That is not correct.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved:

That the house do now adjourn and stand adjourned until 11.45 a.m. to-morrow.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 1939

The house met at 11.45 o'clock.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, hon. members will observe that there are no orders of the day, this house having completed last night the business before it. His Excellency the Governor General is expected to arrive very shortly to prorogue parliament. It will be necessary of course to await report on bills still before the senate. At the present time I understand there remain only one or two bills to be considered by the senate.

[Mr. Hsley.]

EUROPEAN WAR

ORDER IN COUNCIL RESPECTING MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE WHO JOIN THE
DEFENCE FORCES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Yesterday the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell) asked a question respecting orders in council with regard to leave of absence of members of the public service, as to whether the order covered temporary employees in the service of parliament. The answer is that the order in council applies to all employees, whether they be permanent or temporary, including as specifically asked, temporary employees of the House of Commons.

APPRECIATION OF COOPERATION IN FACILITATING
BUSINESS OF SPECIAL WAR SESSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I shall be obliged to leave in a minute to meet His Excellency the Governor General, who is on his way to prorogue parliament. Before I leave the chamber I should like to say just one word. I should like again to thank all members of the House of Commons, and in particular the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Manion), and the leaders of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation and Social Credit groups, for the helpful manner in which they have cooperated with the government in the work of the session. Without this cooperation, given in the manner in which it was, it would not have been possible to have the business dispatched as rapidly as it has been, or to have this special war session concluded within six days of its opening.

I should like to thank, in equal measure, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and all hon. members of that house, for the helpful manner in which they, too, have cooperated with myself and with the leader of the government in the Senate in the work of the present session. To accomplish the results so speedily achieved the cooperation there has been between the Senate and the House of Commons has been no less necessary than that which happily has existed between the members themselves in their respective chambers.

What has been attained by way of effective cooperation between hon. members of both houses of parliament, with parliament in session, it should, in the national interest, be possible to have continue with equal effectiveness between the members of all parties and groups throughout Canada in the interval or time which may elapse between the close of this special war session and the re-assembling