

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

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Tuesday, March 23, 1937

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

BANKING AND COMMERCE

Mr. W. H. MOORE (Ontario) presented the third report of the standing committee on banking and commerce, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Mr. A. M. YOUNG (Saskatoon) presented the fourth report of the standing committee on railways and shipping.

SUPREME COURT ACT

AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY PROVISION RESPECTING APPEALS

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 78, to amend the Supreme Court Act.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): The purpose of this amendment is merely to clarify the meaning of the present section 37 of the Supreme Court Act. Under that section there is a right of appeal per saltum when parties agree and with the consent of the court of final resort in the province. It is to make clear that the appeal must be from a judgment which is applicable to that court of final resort as well.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

HAMILTON WEST BY-ELECTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. E. LENNARD (Wentworth): Before the orders of the day are called I should like to direct the attention of the house to

a statement issued by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), which appeared in this morning's papers, with respect to the results of yesterday's by-election in Hamilton West.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. LENNARD: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister made a misstatement of fact, and I should have the privilege of correcting it.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I think that the hon. member's statement is not a proper one on the orders of the day.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

REPORTED REQUEST FOR DOMINION COOPERATION IN TRAINING AND SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. R. MACDONALD (Brantford City): Mr. Speaker, I should like to draw the attention of the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Mackenzie) to reports from London, England, which have recently appeared in the Canadian press, to the effect that there is now in operation a scheme for the training of pilots from Australia in the Royal Air Force, and that a similar scheme is being established in New Zealand. This article, which appeared on Monday in the Brantford Expositor and other leading Canadian newspapers, is headed in one of these papers "British Air Force seeks Canadian Pilots" and reads in part as follows:

"There is already in operation a scheme whereby pilots are trained as cadets in the Royal Australian Air Force and then serve a term of years with the air force of this country," Sir Philip said. "Afterwards they revert to the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve."

"New Zealand is establishing a similar scheme and also a system whereby applicants are medically examined to ensure that they are not turned down when they come to this country."

In the closing paragraph, Sir Philip Sassoon, the Under-Secretary for Air in the imperial government, states:

We should welcome adoption of a similar system by Canada, from which dominion no