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I wanted to bring this matter to Your Honour's attention. I know you cannot request Mr. Lalonde to attend the committee, but that is what should be done because this public servant is closely associated with Privy Council matters and is also very actively involved in other matters. For this reason I suggest he should not converse with columnists about subject matters being considered by committees of the House. Had this happened a week ago I am sure the committee might have reversed itself and asked him to appear and give evidence about the financial control he alleges was exerted.

I have almost concluded my remarks, Mr. Speaker. I fail to understand how progress can be made by exercising leadership, if the leadership is removed as suggested by the article. Such public discussion of a subject matter being considered by a committee of the House is almost tantamount to a travesty of the workings of that committee.

● (2:10 p.m.)

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have some doubt whether it is advisable for the Prime Minister or any member of the House to discuss the question further. I should point out right away that I do not wish to be unfair to any member and certainly not to the Prime Minister if it is felt that the matter should be discussed further. In my view, however, the matter submitted to the House by the hon. member of Annapolis Valley is more in the form of a grievance than in the form of a formal question of privilege, particularly due to the fact that there is no motion before the House. The hon. member has sensed the procedural difficulty and because of this has judged it perhaps better not to pursue the matter further. I would have to agree with the action he has taken, and if hon. members feel with me that this is the right thing to do the matter will not be pursued further.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MEMBER FOR SPADINA  
OF DECISION TO SIT AS INDEPENDENT

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot continue my support of the government and, having resigned from this group, would ask that I be seated across the floor with the opposition as an independent member.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[Mr. Nowlan.]

**Mr. Speaker:** An appropriate seat will be found for the hon. member who has joined the ranks of the independent.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Third report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

[English]

Second report of Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—Mr. Tolmie.

[Editor's Note: Text of foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I thought it might be helpful to hon. members if I made a statement concerning the business of the House for the period between now and the Christmas adjournment.

We have proposed that the House should rise for the Christmas adjournment on Friday, December 19. On this basis there would remain 13 sitting days for public business, including today. Two of these days are opposition days. Since they must be dealt with before December 10 it is our intention to call the opposition days on Monday and Tuesday of next week, December 8 and 9.

It is important that the following bills be finally disposed of before the adjournment because of the urgency of time in each particular case: Bill C-2 with regard to the Judges Act, which is urgent because of the necessity to add to the bench as soon as possible; Bill C-7 with regard to the Canadian National Railways, which is the annual financing bill of Canadian National Railways; Bill C-8, in respect of the Children of War dead (Education Assistance) Act; Bill C-139 in respect of the Income Tax Act; Bill C-155 in respect of the Excise Tax Act; Bill C-157 with regard to provisional payments for unthreshed grain; Bill S-8 in respect of loan companies and Bill S-9 in respect of trust companies. By way of explanation I should indicate that since the latter two bills expand the power of financial institutions to lend