

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 23, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

PRIVILEGE

**MR. MACQUARRIE—NEWSPAPER COMMENT
ON VOTE IN HOUSE**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, one of the well established traditions of parliamentary practice precludes casting reflections upon the votes of hon. members. I should therefore like to invoke privilege in reference to a comment in today's *Globe and Mail* which states:

Mr. Macquarrie's vote was greeted by hoots from Liberal benches and he sat down quickly, pink with embarrassment.

Lest such a reference leave the impression that my vote was cast by inadvertence, I must make the modest claim that although not outstanding in athletic prowess, my alacrity in rising to vote was at least as great as that displayed in resuming my seat after voting.

Having been blessed with a ruddy, cherubic countenance lo these 46 years, I therefore must deny any suggestion that the pink cast of my complexion stems from the coincidence of voting on that occasion with members of the New Democratic party. Further, Mr. Speaker, I may say that while my life has had its embarrassments, the act of demonstrating lack of confidence in the present government was certainly not one of them.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: I might say at first blush that the hon. member does not have a question of privilege.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

TRADE

**HIDES AND LEATHER—REQUIREMENT
OF EXPORT PERMITS**

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the house that under the powers of the Export and Import Permits Act, general export permit Ex-2 has been amended effective tomorrow, March 24, deleting hides, skins, leather and leather manufactures from the schedule to the permit. This has the effect of

requiring individual export permits for all such products of foreign origin exported from Canada to all destinations except the United States.

On March 7 the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that shipments of cattle hides, calf and kip skins and bovine leathers destined anywhere in the world except Canada would require a validated export licence. On March 11 the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that export quotas had been established for cattle hides, calf and kip skins and bovine leathers "to provide adequate supplies for domestic needs." As Canada was exempt from the control, no quotas were established for exports to this country. However, U.S. exporters are required to certify that exports to Canada are for consumption in Canada.

• (2:40 p.m.)

In trade with the U.S. Canada is a net importer of cattle hides. Our tanners rely heavily on U.S. hides, particularly during the winter months when supplies of suitable Canadian hides are at their lowest. It is important to this Canadian industry to have free access to cattle hide supplies from the U.S. as well as domestic sources. The action taken to require individual export licensing will permit the government to control possible diversion of United States supplies through Canada to offshore destinations, and is designed to maintain Canadian access to United States supplies.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

TABLING OF REPORT "PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN CANADA—OUTLOOK 1966"

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, at this time I would ask leave to table a report entitled "Private and Public Investment in Canada—Outlook 1966" in English and in French.

The report indicates that total capital expenditures in Canada are expected to reach \$14.5 billion this year. Such a program, if realized, would be nearly 14 per cent above the actual outlay in 1965. The strong advance in capital investment indicated for 1966 follows increases of 17 per cent in each of the two preceding years. A notable feature of the program is the increased emphasis on the buildup of facilities in basic industry. Capital