

THE SENATE

Thursday, February 5, 1976

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Perrault tabled:

Report of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1975, pursuant to section 33 of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act, Chapter F-13, and sections 75(3) and 77(3) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of contracts between the Government of Canada and the Municipalities of Parkdale and Sherwood, Prince Edward Island, for the use or employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, Chapter R-9, R.S.C., 1970. (English text)

PRIVILEGES OF PARLIAMENT

COMMERCIAL USE OF PICTURE OF PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—QUESTION

Senator Forsey: Honourable senators, I rise on what I think may perhaps constitute a question of privilege, although I am not altogether sure of that. I was handed this afternoon by a member of the press some advertising matter sent out by something called "The Publishers Clearing House", which I understand is an American based firm, and which is using as a considerable part of its advertising literature a picture of the parliamentary library. I cannot help wondering whether this is altogether a proper thing, and whether it is, to some extent, an invasion of the privileges of Parliament.

Here, particularly, for example, is this card in the form of something that looks almost like a large dollar bill, headed "Beat Deadline Inside", and which then states "Three Promptness Awards". There is a splendid cut of the parliamentary library, then there is a long sort of coupon thing, looking like a government bond, and on each of the coupons there appears again this cut of the parliamentary library.

Remembering the amount of dust created a few years ago when the Holiday Inn undertook to call itself "Parliament Hill Inn", or something of that sort, I wonder whether perhaps a similar point might arise here.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, the honourable senator may have a perfectly valid point. Certainly inquiries will be made to determine whether or not there has been a breach of privilege.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Senator Langlois: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, February 10, 1976, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Before the question is put, I should like, as usual, to give a brief summary of what we can expect for the next week.

First, the committees. On Tuesday, the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs will meet at 2.30 p.m. to continue its study of Canada-United States Relations. On Wednesday, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce will sit at 9.30 a.m. to commence its examination of Canadian textile problems, and the Special Senate Committee on Science Policy will meet in the afternoon when the Senate rises.

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In the Senate on Tuesday evening we will continue with the second reading debate on Bills C-41 and C-71, and Senator Desruisseaux will call the attention of the Senate to the question of total free trade as an economic consideration for Canada.

The Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, entitled: "Canada-United States Relations—Volume I—The Institutional Framework of the Relationship," will be taken into consideration by the Senate on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, Senator Michaud will call the attention of the Senate to certain economic conditions existing in the Province of New Brunswick.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, the only bill likely to come to us from the House of Commons next week is Bill C-58, to amend the Income Tax Act. This is also known at the *Time* and *Reader's Digest* bill.

Senator Flynn: Wishful thinking!

Motion agreed to.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

STORM DAMAGE—POSSIBILITY OF FEDERAL AID—QUESTION ANSWERED

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, yesterday during the Question Period Senator Riley asked, in connection with the devastating storm which caused so much damage in New Brunswick and other areas of the Maritimes a few days ago, whether the Government of New Brunswick had informed the Government of Canada of its decision to declare or not to declare the area as a disaster area so that the federal government might make assessments of damage to businesses and individuals for the purpose of providing relief to those affected. I now have some supplementary information to provide.