

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 5, 1957

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

RAILWAYS, CANALS AND TELEGRAPH LINES—THIRD AND FOURTH REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE—CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT

Mr. H. B. McCulloch (Pictou) presented the third and fourth reports of the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, and moved that the fourth report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Second report of standing committee on industrial relations.—**Mr. Gauthier (Nickel Belt)**.

Third report of standing committee on banking and commerce.—**Mr. Hunter**.

AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rene N. Jutras (Provencher) presented the first report of the standing committee on agriculture and colonization, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PRAIRIE GRAIN PRODUCERS INTERIM FINANCING

WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION ON ORDER PAPER

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, if I may have the unanimous consent of the house to do so, I wish to move that the proposed resolution concerning the Prairie Grain Producers Interim Financing Act, 1956, appearing as government order No. 7 on the order paper today, be withdrawn for the purpose of introducing a new resolution involving a change in the date of commencement of the application of the act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Fleming: What is the date?

Motion agreed to and resolution withdrawn.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH PREMIER OF FRANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I had intended to ask the Prime Minister to give the house a report on the discussions which took place with the French Prime Minister over the week end. In view of his absence today, perhaps the Minister of Trade and Commerce will give a report or, if he wishes it, the matter could be allowed to stand until the Prime Minister's return.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I was not present at the discussions between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Prime Minister of France. I would therefore ask that this question be taken as notice pending the Prime Minister's return.

FISHERIES

SEATTLE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON U.S.-CANADIAN MEETING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Elmore Philpott (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, may I address this question to the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister report on the meeting held in Seattle last week end between the federal governments of Canada and the United States and the governments of the Pacific coast states to discuss the serious problem of offshore fishing for salmon?

Hon. James Sinclair (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, last week, when I was speaking on the salmon commission bill, I mentioned that this problem of offshore fishing for salmon was the most serious one facing the west coast industry. The meeting in Seattle was a complete success. All governments agreed to ban offshore fishing by nets for salmon as soon as possible.

The government of the United States which controls the fisheries in Alaska has already banned this type of fishing. The governments of Washington, Oregon and California, which control fishing in those states, have agreed to introduce legislation in their legislatures as quickly as possible to ban this fishing off