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11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRAYERS

Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay) for Mr. Laflamme, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered its Order of Reference dated Tuesday, September 4, 1973 which reads as follows:

Ordered,—That all matters pertaining to the interrogation of myself (Miss MacDonald, Kingston and the Islands) and my staff of Friday last be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections for study and report.

Your Committee held eight meetings and adduced evidence from seven witnesses and has agreed to make the following observations and recommendations:

1. It is well established that outside police forces on official business shall not enter the precincts of Parliament without first obtaining the permission of Mr. Speaker who is custodian of the powers and privileges of Parliament.

2. The testimony heard by the Committee discloses that outside police forces while on official business, obtained entrance to the West Block and proceeded to the

office of the honourable Member for Kingston and the Islands without having obtained the permission of Mr. Speaker. Accordingly, the Committee must find that the question of privilege of the House of Commons is well founded.

3. The Committee however is of the opinion that the police forces in question acted in good faith. This Committee therefore respectfully recommends to Mr. Speaker that he remind the outside police forces and the security staff of the House of Commons of their respective obligations in this regard, and that no further action be taken.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11*) is tabled.

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(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 58 to the Journals*).

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) for Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Notice of Ways and Means Motion to amend the Excise Tax Act. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 291-1/310B.