

ing to-day the harvest of a life well spent and I rejoice greatly with him in this day of celebration.

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed pleasant for one to hear so many nice things said about him during his lifetime. I did not expect to receive this afternoon any flowers, either in the form of roses or of speech. I am deeply grateful to my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) for his kind words. He is a prince in handling these delicate matters. As he says, very often we have not been in agreement, but I hope I shall always be able to keep his warmest friendship. I thank my right hon. leader (Mr. Mackenzie King) for the kind things he has said about me, and I thank also the other hon. members of the house who have been so kind.

It is not an unmixed blessing to be a sort of dean of the house. I am just as proud of being a member of this parliament as I was of being a member of the eighth parliament, the first session of which was in 1900. I was pleased when I was first elected a member of the House of Commons in 1904. During all my years in parliament I have made it a point to follow attentively the debates of the house. The poor English I speak to-day has been achieved by listening in the house to masters of the English language such as the leaders of the Liberal and Conservative parties. I repeat what I said the other day, that an association of thirty-four years with the members of this House of Commons has convinced me that there is no body of men more patriotic or more fully prepared to serve their country in the best way they can.

I thank my colleagues in the house for the kind words they have said of me. I hope I shall be in this house for a few more years, and I shall try to render the best service possible to my fellow citizens and do my utmost to maintain the faith of the hon. member for Grey-Bruce (Miss Macphail) in human nature.

THE PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. A. HEAPS (Winnipeg North): I should like to direct an inquiry to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) or some other member of the government in regard to the distribution of the Parliamentary Guide. I noticed this morning that copies of this annual publication had been distributed among the members of the house. It was understood last year that we were to have a

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statement from some member of the government with respect to the free distribution of the Parliamentary Guide. Personally I have strong objection to its free distribution among members of the house, and I should like to know who it was that gave instructions this year, after what was said to the house last year, to have the Parliamentary Guide distributed free to members of the house.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if my hon. friend had mentioned in advance that he was bringing up this question, I would have had it looked into. Perhaps he will allow his question to stand until to-morrow when I shall endeavour to let him have a reply.

RADIO INTERFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport (Mr. Howe) a question. I have received a number of complaints in regard to electrical interference with radio reception. Is the minister prepared to make a statement as to whether regulations will be made, or present regulations enforced, regarding the use of machinery or apparatus likely to cause interference with radio reception, as provided by section 23 of the Canadian Broadcasting Act of 1936?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend was good enough to give me notice of his question. The section to which he has referred gives ample power to enforce penalties for violations of the act, and the regulations under the Radiotelegraph Act set up the procedure. I think our inspectors are applying both sections wherever there seems to be occasion for doing so. I know that we are issuing orders almost every week in regard to radio interference.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS

PROVISION OF SPACE ON VESSELS FOR SHIPMENT TO ENGLAND

On the orders of the day:

Miss AGNES C. MACPHAIL (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) or some other member of the government, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner), if the government is taking steps to provide additional space on boats for the shipment to Great Britain of cattle that were shipped from western Canada to Ontario and are now finished and ready for the British market. There is quite a demand by Ontario farmers for cargo space to ship these finished