

plete confidence, but at least we have the right to look confidently forward—to the days when there will be an answer to the prayers of those millions of people who knelt at their bedsides the world over while the San Francisco conference was in progress and prayed that we would see an end to the marks and scars which war leaves upon humanity, in every country of the world. Those people, our people, prayed that there would come a time when a permanent, just and lasting peace with all its sunshine would again spread its rays over the face of the earth, the time which was so prophetically immortalized in the words of Lord Tennyson so many years ago and with which words I close:

Till the war-drum throb'd no longer, and
the battle-flags were furled
In the Parliament of man, the Federation
of the world.
There the common sense of most shall hold
a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in
universal law.

We shall support the resolution.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, we have heard from two of the delegates who attended the San Francisco conference. The Minister of Justice, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. St. Laurent), has given a comprehensive outline of what was achieved at that conference and has made, I think, a splendid presentation of the charter itself. My hon. friend the member for Peel (Mr. Graydon) has brought some of the atmosphere of the conference into this chamber, the colourful atmosphere, if I may put it in that way, of San Francisco. If there was one thing which perhaps we learned it was that the delegates assembled there, regardless of their race, their creed or their colour, all made a contribution. All, regardless of colour, race or language, seemed to have been endowed by Almighty God, if I may say so, with equal ability to discuss and to understand the affairs of the world in which we live.

If you will permit me, Mr. Speaker, I should prefer not to begin at this hour the contribution which I hope I may be able to make to this debate when it is resumed on Thursday afternoon, and I would therefore ask you to agree to an adjournment of the debate now and to call it eleven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Coldwell the debate was adjourned.

SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Last night, Mr. Speaker,

I intimated that, with the consent of the house, we should like to move two departments into supply, seeing that we have not yet a single department in. There will be no debate upon the items which I shall call. I move that the house go into committee of supply.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee of supply, Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I would call item No. 1, agriculture, and ask that it stand.

Item stands.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I would call item No. 72, Department of Fisheries, and ask that it stand.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Wednesday, October 17, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND CERTAIN ESTIMATES TO RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING COMMITTEE

Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I desire to lay on the table the budget of the Canadian National Railways and Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited for the calendar year 1945 and to move:

That the budget of the Canadian National Railways and Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited for the calendar year 1945 be referred to the sessional committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government, together with the annual report of Trans-Canada Air Lines for the year 1944, which was laid on the table of the house on April 11, 1945, and the following annual reports for the year 1944, which were laid on the table of the house on April 12, 1945:

Canadian National railway system;
Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited;
Canadian National Railways Securities Trust;
Auditors' report to parliament;

together with the following items of estimates for 1945-46:

Vote 377. Maritime Freight Rates Act, Canadian National Railways;

Vote 378. Maritime Freight Rates Act, railways other than Canadian National;

Vote 421. Prince Edward Island car ferry and terminals deficit, 1945.