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In Parliament On November 3: The House of Commons voted 169 to 19 against a CCF non-confidence motion in the Government.

Finance Minister Abbott announced that the Supreme Court of Canada will be asked to rule on the validity of rental controls.

Justice Minister Garson announced the resignation of F.A. McGregor as Commissioner of the Combines Act.

Defence Minister Claxton rejected request for a standing committee on national defence.

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, indicated need for an inquiry into all phases of national defence.

Senator Arthur Roebuck (L--Ontario) moved for inclusion of a Bill of Rights in the British North America Act.

Rent Control Law Relaxed, Tested: Ottawa, November 3 (CP) -- Finance Minister Abbott announced tonight in the Commons that the Government has decided to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on the validity of rental controls.

If the court finds the controls valid, the Government will ask Parliament for a further extension of wartime rental controls, scheduled to expire March 31, 1950....

Meanwhile, the Government plans to continue a programme of gradual decontrol, with the idea of eventually withdrawing all controls.

In line with this system of decontrol, Mr. Abbott announced four new regulation amendments, allowing landlords greater leeway over accommodation. The amendments become effective December 15 next.

They are:

1. Rentals for rooms, parts of houses and similar accommodation in which a tenant is required to share toilet facilities or similar equipment, may be increased by 20 per cent.
2. A rental increase of 20 per cent for unheated self-contained dwellings and of 25 per cent for similar heated accommodation is authorized on leases which can be terminated by a tenant with one month's notice. If the tenant refuses the offer, the landlord may require him to vacate under provincial laws. The accommodation then becomes free of federal rent control.
3. Leases of not less than two years' duration can be made by landlords and tenants at any rental on which they agree.
4. Landlords who owned accommodation prior to November 1, 1949, will be able to regain possession after six months' notice if needed for their own use....

Non-Confidence Motion Beaten: Ottawa, November 3 (CP) -- The House of Commons voted 169 to 19 tonight against a C.C.F. non-confidence motion calling for the immediate lowering of tariffs to encourage an increase in imports from the United Kingdom and sterling areas.

The motion was moved during debate on the 1949-50 Budget. It was in the form of an amendment to a Progressive Conservative motion that called for an immediate Commonwealth conference to discuss trade problems.

The C.C.F. drew support only from Social Credit members. The Liberals and Progressive Conservatives voted together.

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