

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 16, 1950

The house met at three o'clock.

### ORDERS IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF SUMMARY APRIL 1, 1950 TO  
APRIL 30, 1950

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to table a summary of orders in council passed during the period April 1 to April 30, 1950. It will be remembered that the summary for the period March 1 to March 31 was tabled on April 17.

### REPORTS AND PAPERS

International convention for northwest Atlantic fisheries, and Final Act signed on February 8, 1949.—Mr. Claxton.

Report of the operations under the Bretton Woods Agreements Act during the fiscal year 1949-50.—Mr. Sinclair.

### PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 211, for the relief of Reuben Robert Shapiro.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 212, for the relief of Mary White Sheppard.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 213, for the relief of Ulderick Cadieux.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 214, for the relief of Helen Irene Barney Hutchinson.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 215, for the relief of Alice Jean Young Gulliver.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 216, for the relief of Joseph Lucien Alphonse Martel.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 217, for the relief of Georges Emile Bernier.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 218, for the relief of Margaret Veronica Quinn Davies.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 219, for the relief of Max Gurevitch.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 220, for the relief of Romuald Joseph Jean Lamoureux.—Mr. Winkler.

### FLOOD CONDITIONS

SOUTHERN MANITOBA—QUESTION AS TO VISIT TO  
WINNIPEG BY PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I wonder if I may direct a question to the Prime Minister, which he may wish to

think over before he answers? I do so most earnestly and respectfully. Would the Prime Minister consider going to Winnipeg this week so that he may see with his own eyes the destruction and disaster being suffered by our people?

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** I am sorry, but it will not be possible for me to go to Winnipeg this week. I think the announcements that will be made shortly as to what is to be done in connection with the whole situation will satisfy those who wish their sympathy expressed as vigorously as possible to the population that is so distressed in that area.

### EFFECT OF DISASTER UPON RURAL AREAS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition):** Following the observations that have been made with regard to the situation in Manitoba, and having regard to the statements that were made yesterday, may I suggest to the government that, in considering the things that must be done, full recognition be given to the extent of the disaster to the rural areas? While the tragedy and the destruction in Winnipeg is attracting attention through the necessity of protecting buildings there, there is also a heavy loss in the rural areas, in a considerable part of which crops will not be planted this year. I suggest that the government, in announcing its plans in regard to Winnipeg, also announce what is to be done for the rural areas that are affected.

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** The plans under consideration do not apply exclusively to Winnipeg; they apply to the whole area that has been affected by these disastrous floods.

### APPLICATION OF NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Resources and Development? Could the minister, either today or quite soon, give the house some details as to the use which the government intends to make of the National Housing Act in connection with the