

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

QUEBEC CITY—DEMOLITION OF HOSPICE
SAINT CHARLES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Levis asked me whether it was true, as the press had reported, that the Department of Public Works was proceeding with the demolition of the Hospice Saint Charles in Quebec city without having obtained a permit from the city authorities. I said I doubted very much whether those reports were accurate, and I can now advise him that departmental officials in Quebec state that a permit was obtained with regard to this demolition work.

Mr. Bourget: Could the minister tell me when the permit was issued?

Mr. Green: I believe it was before the work commenced.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF
JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, ETC.

The house resumed from Tuesday, February 24, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-26, to amend the Northwest Territories Act—Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle)—Mr. Rea in the chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): When shall this bill be read a third time?

Mr. Chevrier: Next sitting of the house, please.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): It is not by leave?

Mr. Argue: I think it depends upon what the members of the government wish to do. If the government wishes to have third reading—

Mr. Green: I think the rules are perfectly clear. It cannot be given third reading now without consent.

Mr. Hellyer: The hon. member who is in charge of the bill on this side of the house is unavoidably absent at the moment. Perhaps the government will allow third reading to stand over on this account.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): That will be acceptable to us.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Do I understand that the government agrees?

National Defence Act

Mr. Green: We cannot do anything else. We cannot go on without unanimous consent, and that consent has not been given.

Mr. Argue: My understanding is that it has been in committee of the whole; that second reading was given on a prior day. I may be mistaken. If I am in error, then the Minister of Public Works is correct, but if second reading was given on a prior day then the house, if it wishes, can give third reading to the bill.

Mr. Green: The house seems to be all snarled up in rules today. This is second reading. I may be wrong, but I think this is part of second reading, and if second reading takes place on one day we cannot take third reading on the same day without consent.

Mr. Hellyer: The government can resolve this by allowing it to stand over.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): If an hon. member wishes, he can ask that third reading be stood over. I understood the minister to say he would defer third reading. Was I correct in that?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): What I said was that if the opposition requested a postponement of third reading until the hon. member for Mackenzie River (Mr. Hardie) was here, I should be glad to accede to the request.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): When shall the bill be read the third time? Next sitting of the house.

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING COURT MARTIAL
APPEAL BOARD, ETC.

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-27, to amend the National Defence Act.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, like previous bills of the Department of National Defence, the subject matter of this bill involves a number of principles, the first one being the principle of continued unification of the armed forces. I think the position of this party has been made very clear. We support the orderly and continual integration of those services which can be integrated in order to improve the efficiency of the armed forces and to save the taxpayer's money.

With respect to the proposal to substitute a court martial appeal court for the court martial appeal board, I believe that probably