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town. It is wrapped or steeped in history going back hundreds of years. Many of our people feel that its claim as an historic site is equal to that of other places which have been included in the historic sites program. I would ask the minister whether any consideration is being given to it.

Mr. Dinsdale: The department has been concentrating on Signal hill outside the city of St. John's in Newfoundland as the historic site in Newfoundland which should receive emphasis as a national historic site. So far as Sentinel hill is concerned, this matter has never come before the historic sites and monuments board so far as I know. I would rather imagine that this is the sort of historic commemoration that would come under the purview of the provincial authorities rather than the national authorities. In each province we try to have a major national historic site which would be genuinely regarded as being of national significance.

Item agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: It being five o'clock it is my duty to leave the chair in order that the house may proceed to the consideration of private members' business, pursuant to section 3 of standing order 15.

Progress reported.

Mr. Speaker: It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills, notices of motions—papers—and public bills. There being no private bills on the order paper, the house will first consider notices of motions, papers.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS**ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR CURRENT YEAR**

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate) moved:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of the latest economic forecast prepared in the Department of Trade and Commerce in the series substituted for the Canadian Economic Outlook as described in *Hansard* for August 10, 1960 at page 7878.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I will not trouble to reread the motion which Your Honour has already read. For the benefit of those hon. members who were only elected in 1958, I think perhaps I should tell them what the Canadian Economic Outlook was.

Mr. Churchill: No, Mr. Speaker, that is not part of the motion.

Mr. Pickersgill: Perhaps I can be allowed to proceed, Mr. Speaker, without the assistance of the house leader.

Mr. Churchill: I rise on a point of order. We are not in need of any explanation. Everybody can read. All the hon. member is asking for here is for an order of the house with regard to certain documents. We do not need a long explanation in this house with regard to what the documents are.

Mr. Crestohl: What are you afraid of?

Mr. Pickersgill: It is more closure.

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member has not got far enough as yet to determine whether or not he is transgressing.

Mr. Pickersgill: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not waste time on the observations of the government leader. The Canadian Economic Outlook was a document which was published by the Prime Minister on January 20, 1958, as can be found by reference to *Hansard*. It had never been published before. It was a document prepared in secret—

Mr. Churchill: I rise on my point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is precisely the matter to which I was drawing Your Honour's attention. Then hon. member now is going into the so-called history of some document or other. He was trying to explain what it was. Everybody knows or can find out from public records what the Canadian Economic Outlook is. He is continuing to bring in irrelevant material concerning the Prime Minister, and so on. This is my point of order, sir.

Mr. Pickersgill: I should like to say a word on the point of order before Your Honour rules, if I may be permitted to do so. When the change in the rules was made provisionally for this session to transfer these notices of motion from undebatable notices to debatable notices, it was presumably intended there should be a debate about something. It is obvious that no one can explain why a document ought to be produced without first explaining what the document is and why that document, under certain circumstances, is one which should be made public and not one which should be kept secret. This is exactly what I am endeavouring to do. I cannot give my arguments for the production of the document to which I am referring without identifying that document, and I cannot identify it, because it cannot be thoroughly identified, without reference to its predecessor.

Mr. Crestohl: That is elementary.

Mr. Speaker: The point of order would have to be decided on the basis of the issue before the house. As I understand it, this motion calls for the house to order the production of a document described here, the production of which the government resists. The debate