on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government, be referred to the committee of supply.

Motion agreed to.

VICTORIA DAY

INQUIRY AS TO MAIL DELIVERY IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. E. LENNARD (Wentworth): In view of the fact that there will be no mail delivery in the province of Quebec to-day, and as it is a statutory holiday in that province, why was there one full letter carrier delivery in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 24, which was also a statutory holiday?

Hon. W. D. EULER (Acting Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's question is no doubt based on a reply I gave yesterday to a question by the hon. member for Quebec-Montmorency (Mr. Lacroix). I had not had notice of the question asked yesterday, and I stated I was not quite sure of the facts. I should have said, however, that to-day there will be no carrier delivery in Quebec city, that there would be full delivery in the cities of Montreal and St. John, and a partial or no delivery whatsoever in other places, according to the discretion to be exercised by the postmasters at those various points.

With regard to the one delivery on May 24 in the city of Hamilton may I say that the course taken there was the one followed generally throughout the whole of Canada. Ascension day is not a statutory or legal holiday, but it is observed generally as a religious day in the province of Quebec. For that reason discretion was given the postmasters as indicated in my reply of yesterday.

PRIVILEGE—Mr. CHURCH

REFERENCE TO STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON MAY 25

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a correction in connection with the report appearing at page 3233 of Hansard. I had intended calling the attention of the house to the point yesterday, but was prevented from doing so just when the message was received from the Senate. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) is reported to have said:

> I well remember that on one occasion the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Church) moved an amendment to the motion to go into supply which took up all that evening, so that it was not possible to get my estimates before the house.

[Mr. Dunning.]

That is not correct. I never at any time made a motion upon going into supply; it was the hon. member for St. Paul's (Mr. Ross).

MEMBER FOR BEAUCE

INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGE MADE BY PREMIER OF QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. PELLETIER (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, some time ago the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ilsley) advised the house he would investigate certain charges made by Premier Duplessis of Quebec to the effect that an hon. member of this House of Commons, namely, the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Lacroix) had defrauded the Department of National Revenue by bringing goods into Canada without paying duty. Has an investigation been made, has the minister communicated with Premier Duplessis of Quebec concerning the matter, and what have been the results of such investigation?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of National Revenue): I wrote the premier of Quebec shortly after I stated an investigation would be made, asked him to furnish me with details of the charge, and to let me know during what period it was alleged the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Lacroix) imported the trucks in question. I asked the premier to give me the source of his information and the names of any persons who could give any evidence concerning the transactions in question, and any other information which would be of assistance in investigating the charge.

I have never received a reply to that letter, which was written on May 3. A little more than two weeks after I wrote the letter, finding that apparently I was not to receive a reply I instructed the Commissioner of Customs to institute an investigation into the charge and to obtain such information as he could from the files and from any other sources which might be available.

The Commissioner of Customs has investigated the charge and his report dated May 25, 1938, together with appended material, is before me. I may say that so far as can be ascertained there have been no duties either unpaid or underpaid by Mr. Lacroix or by the companies in which he is interested. With the leave of the house I will table copies of my letter to Premier Duplessis and my instructions to the Commissioner of Customs, and I shall table with those communications the original report and annexed material from the Commissioner of Customs.