

Railway contractors. The person nominated to conduct the enquiry should be acceptable to both the contractors and the Canadian National Railways and should report to the Minister in confidence so as not to prejudice any future court hearing.

2. That the Canadian National Railways should review its construction contract with a view to adopting some of the reforms contained in the contracts used by the Department of Transport and the Department of Public Works.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 28, 29 and 30, First Session, 28th Parliament and Issue No. 3, Second Session, 28th Parliament*) is tabled.

*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 11 to the Journals).*

Mr. Trudeau, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of Report on the Conclusions of the Third Meeting of the Constitutional Conference, held at Ottawa, December, 1969. (English and French). Sessional Paper No. 5/3.

Mr. Kierans, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of Report entitled "A Blueprint for Change—Canada Post Office", dated November 1969. (English and French). Sessional Paper No. 4/72.

The Order being read for resuming debate on the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. McIlraith,—That Bill C-155, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act, be now read a third time and do pass.

And on the motion of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West), seconded by Mr. Dinsdale in amendment thereto,—That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Bill C-155 be not now read a third time but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole with instructions that clause (i), paragraph numbered 10 be reconsidered to provide an air transportation tax on a flat fee basis to be determined by the committee as providing an equivalent return to and in lieu of the tax therein provided".

And a point of order having been raised by the honourable Member for Rosedale (Mr. Macdonald), with reference to the regularity of the said proposed amendment.

#### RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I thank honourable Members for their contributions and for the advice they have given the Chair in connection with this very difficult problem. In fact, I felt that since it was so complex I owed it to the honourable Member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) to discuss the matter with him, to indicate to him what my reservations were. I also indicated to the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that I foresaw some difficulties, and invited both honourable Members to study the matter in the same way as I did over the last few days. A protracted debate on